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Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the semiannual agenda of rules scheduled for review or development between

April 1998 and October 1998. An agenda is required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With this publication, the Department satisfies the requirement of Executive Order 12866 that the Department publish an agenda

of rules that have been issued or are expected to be issued and of currently effective rules that are scheduled for review.

Simultaneously, the Department meets the requirement of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) that an agenda be published in April and October of each year identifying rules that will have significant economic effects on a substantial number of small entities. Rules that will have such effects are specifically identified in the agenda.

In addition, rules that were included in the Department's segment of The Regulatory Plan as published in the October 1997 Agenda are also specifically identified in this agenda.

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1635	Central Valley Project of California—Purposes, Uses, and Allocation of Water Supplies	1006-AA34

Bureau of Reclamation—Final Rule Stage

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1637	Offstream Storage of Colorado River Water and Interstate Marketing of Storage Credits in the Lower Division States	1006-AA40

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1639	Management of Lake Berryessa	1006-AA36

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1650	Color of Title and Omitted Lands	1004-AD00
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1653	Sales—Federal Land Policy and Management Act	1004-AB77
1654	Use; Rights-of-Way	1004-AC75
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1656	Leases, Permits, and Easements	1004-AB51
1657	Cost Recovery; Mineral Filings and Operations	1004-AC64
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1660	Geothermal Resource Unit Agreement	1004-AD10
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1662	Coal Management: General (Public Participation)	1004-AD27
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1664	Paleontological Resources	1004-AD03
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1668	Disposal of Reserved Minerals Under the Stock Raising Homestead Act	1004-AC59
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Bureau of Land Management—Final Rule Stage

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1677	Special Areas; State Irrigation Districts	1004-AC53
1678	Public Availability of Minerals Resources Information	1004-AB55
1679	Coalbed Methane Development	1004-AC27
1680	Geothermal Resources Leasing	1004-AD08
1681	Management of Solid Minerals Other Than Coal	1004-AC49
1682	Mineral Materials Disposal	1004-AC68
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1684	Grazing Administration; Alaska; Livestock	1004-AC70
1685	Grazing Administration: Alaska; Reindeer	1004-AD06
1686	Wild Horse and Burro Adoptions; Power of Attorney	1004-AD28
1687	Sustained Yield Forest Units	1004-AC93
1688	Management of Designated Wilderness Area	1004-AB69

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Bureau of Land Management—Long-Term Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
1689	Oil and Gas Leasing; Drainage	1004-AC54

Bureau of Land Management—Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
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1694	Gifts; Acquisition of Lands or Interest in Lands by Purchase or Condemnation	1004-AC98
1695	State Grants	1004-AC71
1696	Reclamation/Townsites	1004-AC91
1697	Logical Mining Units: General; LMU Application Procedures; LMU Approval Criteria; LMU Diligence; Administration of LMU Operations	1004-AD12
1698	Mining Claims Under the General Mining Laws	1004-AD05
1699	Wild and Scenic Rivers	1004-AC87

Office of the Secretary—Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
1700	Wild and Scenic Rivers	1093-AA08

Office of the Secretary—Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
1701	Transportation and Utility Systems In and Across, and Access Into, Conservation System Units in Alaska	1093-AA07

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Proposed Rule Stage

Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget (ASPMB)

1373. NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS: TYPE B PROCEDURES

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 42 USC 9651(c)

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 11

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: CERCLA and the Clean Water Act allow natural resource trustees to bring a claim against a potentially responsible party for resources that have been injured by a release of a hazardous substance. CERCLA requires that natural resource damage

assessment regulations be promulgated and that the regulations be reviewed, and revised as appropriate, every two years. This rulemaking is the biennial review of the administrative process for conducting assessments as well as the so-called "type B" procedures for determining injury and damages through scientific and economic studies. This rulemaking will also address the calculation of lost non-use values of natural resources, in compliance with State of Ohio v. Department of the Interior, 880 F.2d 432 (D.C. Cir. 1989), which ordered the Department to allow for the assessment

of all reliably calculated values lost as a result of a natural resource injury.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	07/16/96	61 FR 37031
ANPRM Comment Period End	09/16/96	
NPRM	02/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/99	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Willie R. Taylor, Director, Office of Environmental

DOI—ASPMB

Proposed Rule Stage

Policy and Compliance, Department of the Interior, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget
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RIN: 1090-AA29

1374. RECORDS AND TESTIMONY; FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552 Freedom of Information Act

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: 43 CFR part 2, subparts A and B, are being revised in their entirety to reflect the provisions of the new FOIA law "Electronic FOIA Amendments of 1996," Pub. L. 104-231, the recommendations of the National Performance Review lab, and other changes as necessary.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Alexandra Mallus, DOI FOIA Officer (OIRM), Department of the Interior, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget
Phone: 202 208-5342

RIN: 1090-AA61

1375. • DEPARTMENT HEARINGS AND APPEALS; SPECIAL RULES APPLICABLE TO PUBLIC LAND HEARINGS AND APPEALS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1201

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 4.415; 43 CFR 4.404; 43 CFR 4.403; 43 CFR 4.405; 43 CFR 4.406; 43 CFR 4.414; 43 CFR 4.401(c)(2); 43 CFR 4.422(c)(2); 43 CFR 4.450-5; 43 CFR 4.407; 43 CFR 4.408

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This document proposes to amend procedural rules governing hearings and appeals in public lands cases. The amendments are necessary to conform the rules to procedural practices contained in decisions of the Interior Board of Land Appeals. The amended rules would provide parties more complete information and more up-to-date procedures than the existing rules.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	
NPRM Comment	05/00/98	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1090-AA68

1376. NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED EDUCATION PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 92-318; PL 93-568, sec 3; 20 USC 1681; 20 USC 1682; 20 USC 1683; 20 USC 1685; 20 USC 1686

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 41

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The purpose of this regulatory action is to proscribe discrimination on the basis of sex in federally assisted education programs or activities of the Department of the Interior.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

Agency Contact: Melvin C. Fowler, Civil Rights Staff Assistant, Department of the Interior, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget
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RIN: 1090-AA64

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Final Rule Stage

Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget (ASPMB)

1377. • ADMINISTRATIVE AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND COST PRINCIPLES FOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS; BUY AMERICAN ACT

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Unfunded Mandates: This action may affect State, local or tribal governments.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 31 USC 6101 note; 31 USC 7501; 41 USC 252a; 41 USC 701 et seq; PL 104-256, sec 501; PL 105-62, sec 503; PL 105-62, sec 303; PL 105-83, sec 307; EO 12549; EO 12674; EO 12689; EO 12731; OMB Circular A-102; OMB Circular A-110

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 12

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This final rule is in response to the "Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998," and the "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 1998." It implements provisions regarding lobbying restrictions; denial of funds for preventing ROTC access to campuses; and the purchase of American-made equipment and products.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Agency Contact: Debra E. Sonderman, Director, Procurement and Property Management Systems, Department of the Interior, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget
Phone: 202 208-3336

RIN: 1090-AA66

1378. • ADMINISTRATIVE AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND COST PRINCIPLES FOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, SEAT BELT USAGE

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 31 USC 6101 note; 31 USC 7501; 41 USC 252a; 41 USC 701 et seq; PL 104-256, sec 501; PL 105-62, sec 503; PL 105-62, sec

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Final Rule Stage

303; PL 105-83, sec 307; EO 12549; EO 12674; EO 12689; EO 12731; EO 13043; OMB Circular A-102

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 12

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This final rule will implement sections 1(c) and 2 in Executive Order 13043 of april 16, 1997, "Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States." This rule will amend section 12.2 of subpart A of 43 CFR part 12 to add these provision and will apply to grants and cooperative agreements awarded by the Department.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Additional Information: 8. Legal Authority: OMB Circular A-110, OMB Circular A-133

Agency Contact: Debra E. Sonderman, Director, Procurement and Property Management Systems, Department of the Interior, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget
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RIN: 1090-AA67

1379. PRINCIPLES OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 5 USC 7301; 5 USC app (Ethics Reform Act of 1989); EO 12731

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 3501; 43 CFR 20

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) has issued new standards of conduct regulations. The Department of the Interior (DOI) is preparing special conduct regulations (applies only to DOI employees) to supplement OGE's new standards of conduct. Interior's supplemental regulations, if approved by OGE, will be codified in 5 CFR part 3501.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/16/97	62 FR 53713
End Interim Final Rule Comment Period	12/16/97	
Final Action	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Mason Tsai, Deputy Ethics Program Coordinator, Department of the Interior, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget
Phone: 202 208-5916

RIN: 1090-AA38

1380. GENERAL RULES RELATING TO PROCEDURES AND PRACTICE; EFFECT OF DECISION PENDING APPEAL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: RS 2478, as amended; 43 USC 1201

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 4.21

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Hearings and Appeals is proposing to amend its rules to provide that except as otherwise provided by law or other regulation, a decision will be stayed, if it is appealed until there is a dispositive decision on appeal.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/28/97	62 FR 45606
NPRM Comment Period End	02/06/98	62 FR 64544
Final Action	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: James L. Byrnes, Chief Administrative Judge, Interior Board of Land Appeals, Department of the Interior, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget
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RIN: 1090-AA63

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Long-Term Actions

Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget (ASPMB)

1381. REVISED STATUTE 2477 RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1201; 43 USC 1732(b); 43 USC 1740; 43 USC 1457; 43 USC 1782(c); 16 USC 668dd; 16 USC 460k-3; 16 USC 1 to 4

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 39

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed rule would implement the Secretary of the Interior's June 1, 1993, recommendation to Congress that the Department promulgate regulations addressing

rights-of-way pursuant to R.S. 2477 across lands now administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. R.S. 2477--a provision adopted in 1866 that granted a right-of-way for the construction of highways across public land not reserved for public uses--was repealed in 1976, but valid existing rights-of-way were not terminated. This proposed rule is intended to clarify the meaning of the statute and provide a workable administrative process and standards for recognizing valid claims.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/01/94	59 FR 39216
NPRM Comment Period End	08/01/95	60 FR 4135
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Agency Contact: Ron Montagna, Realty Specialist, Department of the Interior, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget
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RIN: 1090-AA44

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Completed Actions

Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget (ASPMB)

1382. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTEES TO REFLECT SINGLE AUDIT ACT AMENDMENTS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 12

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
No Further Action Required	10/28/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal

Agency Contact: Debra E. Sonderman
Phone: 202 208-3336

RIN: 1090-AA62

1383. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ACQUISITION REGULATION; FOREIGN ACQUISITIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 1401.105; 48 CFR 1425; 48 CFR 1452.225-70

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/07/97	62 FR 52265

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1090-AA65

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Proposed Rule Stage

Office of the Special Trustee (OST)

1384. APPEALING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.
Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: PL 103-412

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 1202

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will establish a procedure for appealing decisions of the Office of the Special Trustee and the Office of Trust Funds Management.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/98	
NPRM	09/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: Sarah Yepa, Chief,
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RIN: 1035-AA03

1385. SPECIAL DEPOSITS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 42 USC 4043

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 87; 24 CFR 115;
24 CFR 122; 24 CFR 179; 24 CFR 111;
24 CFR 116; 24 CFR 123; 24 CFR 112;
24 CFR 117; 24 CFR 124; 24 CFR 114;
24 CFR 121; 24 CFR 125

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule transfers from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) 13 CFR parts relating to management of Indian trust funds. The

Department is making this change to implement title II of the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994. This change will clarify the questions that have arisen since the passage of the Act about the responsibilities of BIA and OST regarding trust resources and assets.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	
Interim Final Rule	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal

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RIN: 1035-AA01

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Completed Actions

Office of the Special Trustee (OST)

1386. INDIVIDUAL INDIAN MONEY ACCOUNTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 1215; 25 CFR 115

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	12/01/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 1035-AA02

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)
United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Proposed Rule Stage

1387. SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC LANDS IN ALASKA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 3101 to 3126

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 242; 50 CFR 100

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Identification of waters included within ANILCA definition of public lands and amendment of Federal Subsistence Board's authority.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	04/04/96	61 FR 15014
ANPRM Comment Period End	06/14/96	
NPRM	12/17/97	62 FR 66216
NPRM Comment Period End	04/20/98	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Tom Boyd, Office of Subsistence Management, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503
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RIN: 1018-AD68

1388. FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAM FOR PARTICIPATION FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND INSULAR TERRITORIES AND COMMONWEALTHS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 669i; 16 USC 777i

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 80

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service is proposing to define new standards for the District of Columbia and Insular Territories and Commonwealths for participation in the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration program by waiving the 10 percent cap on use of these funds for education.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Bob Lang, Chief, Division of Federal Aid, Department of

the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 140 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AD83

1389. CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES (CITES)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 23

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This will be a revision to an existing rule that will incorporate decisions/interpretations made at the last six Conferences of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Ken Stansel, Deputy Chief, Office of Management Authority, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 430 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AD87

1390. RESCISSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR GRANTS IN AID (MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT OF 1972)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 to 1407

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 82

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service is rescinding 50 CFR 82, Administrative Procedures for Grants-in-Aid (Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972). This regulation was determined unnecessary because funding has not been provided for many years and adequate instructions are contained in the Act and in existing regulations to disseminate funds if they

become available in the future. This action is part of the regulatory reinvention effort.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Bob Lang, Chief, Division of Federal Aid, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 140 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AD92

1391. PROPOSED SPECIAL RULE WITH THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE VICUNA FROM ENDANGERED TO THREATENED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This special rule will be associated with the reclassification of vicuna from endangered to threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The rule will provide for the conservation of the species and will stipulate conditions that must be met to allow for the importation of commercial specimens of the species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: Charles W. Dane, Chief, Office of Scientific Authority, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 750 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE04

1392. EXPORTATION OF MARINE MAMMAL PRODUCTS FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 18

Legal Deadline: None

DOI—FWS

Proposed Rule Stage

Abstract: This regulatory action concerns a modification to export marine mammal products and to Native exemption provisions in the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The action will be made to allow for cultural exchange of marine mammal products between Natives of Alaska, Greenland, Russia and Canada.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

Agency Contact: Thomas Striegler, Chief, Division of Law Enforcement, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 520 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-1949

RIN: 1018-AE33

1393. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING; TEMPORARY APPROVAL OF TUNGSTEN-POLYMER SHOT AS NONTOXIC FOR 1998-99 SEASON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 703 to 711; 16 USC 712; 16 USC 742a to 742j

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 20

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to temporarily approve tungsten-polymer shot as nontoxic for the 1998-99 migratory bird hunting season. The toxicological report, an extensive literature search and analysis, suggests that tungsten-polymer is nontoxic under conditions for the proposed shot configuration. Analysis of the toxicity study reveals no adverse effects over a 30-day period when dosing mallards with 8 BB-size tungsten-polymer shot.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 634 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-1838

RIN: 1018-AE35

1394. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED DETERMINATION OF THREATENED STATUS FOR KOALA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposed to determine threatened status for the Australian koala. The eucalyptus forest and woodland ecosystem on which this arboreal marsupial depends has been reduced by more than half and is continuing to deteriorate. The species also is threatened by habitat fragmentation and consequent potential loss of genetic viability, disease, and other factors. This proposal incorporates a finding that a petition requesting the listing of the koala is warranted. It is emphasized that any final rule resulting from this proposal would classify the koala or certain populations thereof as endangered or could exempt certain populations from any classification.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE43

1395. • MIGRATORY BIRD SPECIAL PURPOSE CANADA GOOSE PERMIT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 712

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 21

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes, in cooperation with State wildlife agencies, to establish a Canada goose wildlife damage management program. This program is designed to provide a more cost-effective and efficient method for the control of locally-breeding (resident) Canada geese that pose a threat to health and human

safety and are responsible for damage to personal and public property.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Agency Contact: Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Migratory Bird Management Office, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 634 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE46

1396. • UPDATE OF ADDRESSES FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service amends the regulations for endangered and threatened wildlife and plants to update the addresses for submission of endangered species permit applications.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE49

1397. • REVISE AND AMEND HUNTING AND DISTURBANCE REGULATIONS ON UNITS OF THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 460K; 16 USC 664; 16 USC 668dd; 16 USC 685; 16 USC 690d; 16 USC 715i; 16 USC 715s; 16 USC 725; 43 USC 315a; 5 USC 301; 5 USC 685; 5 USC 752; 5 USC 690d; PL 105-57

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CFR Citation: 50 CFR 25; 50 CFR 27; 50 CFR 32

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to revise nontoxic shot provisions for hunting upland game on Waterfowl Production Areas and other units of the National Wildlife Refuge System (System), and modify certain disturbance regulations against plants, animals, and nonwildlife property on all units of the System.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Rick Coleman, Chief, Division of Refuges, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 670 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2029

RIN: 1018-AE50

1398. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR OAHU ELEPAIO FROM THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes endangered status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, for the Oahu elepaio. This bird is endemic to the Island of Oahu, HI, where it was formerly found in all forested areas on the island. It is currently found in greatly reduced numbers and range in six isolated populations occurring in mid-elevation forests in the southern Koolau mountain range and parts of the Waianae mountain range. The Oahu elepaio is now thought to occupy less than 8 percent of its original, prehistoric range. It may have been affected in the past or continue to be threatened by one or more of the following: habitat degradation, including habitat fragmentation; population fragmentation; predation by introduced alien mammals; competition from introduced alien birds, and introduced avian disease. The Oahu

elepaio is also subject to an increased likelihood of extinction from naturally occurring events, including natural disasters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE51

1399. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; ENDANGERED STATUS FOR WILLAMETTE DAISY, FENDER'S BLUE BUTTERFLY AND THREATENED STATUS FOR KINCAID'S LUPINE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes endangered status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, for Willamette daisy and Fender's blue butterfly and threatened status for Kincaid's lupine. These species are restricted to native prairie in the Willamette Valley in Oregon and currently are known from a few small remnants of a formerly widespread distribution. In addition to its Oregon occurrences, Kincaid's lupine also is known from one small site in southern Washington. The 3 taxa are threatened by one or more of the following: commercial and/or residential development, agriculture, silviculture, road improvement, over-collection, herbicide use, and naturally occurring demographic and random environmental events.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species,

Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE53

1400. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; ENDANGERED STATUS FOR THE PLANT PRAIRIE PENNY CRESS FROM COASTAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes endangered status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, for one plant, Kneeland prairie pennycress. This plant is known from Kneeland prairie in Humboldt County, CA, where it grows in coastal prairie on serpentine outcrops. Habitat loss, potential road realignment and proposed airport expansion activities imperil the continued existence of this plant. The restricted range of this species, limited to a single population, increases the risk of extinction from naturally occurring events such as fire.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE55

1401. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; LIST SAN BERNARDINO KANGAROO RAT AS ENDANGERED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to make provisions of the emergency rule listing

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the San Bernardino kangaroo rat as an endangered species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, permanent. The historic range of the rat has been reduced by approximately 96 percent due to agricultural and urban development. Of the remaining occupied habitat, a minimum of 90 percent is threatened by habitat loss, degradation, and fragmentation due to sand and gravel mining operations, flood control projects and urban development. In addition, all of the remaining populations of rat are threatened by seasonal flood events due to current restriction of the subspecies to these active flood plain habitats.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE59

1402. • PUBLIC USE REGULATIONS FOR KODIAK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, ALASKA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 460(k) et seq; 16 USC 668dd et seq; 16 USC 3101 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 36

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service will propose regulations to implement portions of the Public Use Management Plan (PUMP) for the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. Proposed regulations will include access restrictions and specific requirements and limitations related to commercial and administrative structures, camping, snow machines, pack animals, tent platforms, food containers, and fish cleaning. The PUMP was prepared with an environmental assessment and was reviewed in an appropriate public involvement process. The final document was released in November 1993. By implementing the PUMP, compatible public uses will be allowed while protecting the refuge resources.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Bob Stevens, Refuges and Wildlife, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 E Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503
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RIN: 1018-AE60

1403. • MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING; NONTOXIC SHOT; APPROVAL OF TIN SHOT AS NONTOXIC FOR WATERFOWL AND COOT SHOOTING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 703 to 712; 16 USC 742(a) to 742(j)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 20.21

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to amend section 20.21(j) and approve tin shot as nontoxic for waterfowl and coot hunting. A toxicological report that includes an extensive literature review and an analysis of tin suggests that these compounds are nontoxic under assumed use and in the environment. The toxicity study reveals no adverse effects over a 30-day period on mallard ducks (*Anas platyrhynchos*) dosed with 8 bb-size tin shot pellets.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

Agency Contact: Paul Schmidt, Chief, Migratory Bird Management Office, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 634 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-1714

RIN: 1018-AE61

1404. • EAGLE PERMITS; PERMITS FOR FALCONRY PURPOSES; PERMITS TO TAKE GOLDEN EAGLE NESTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 668a

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 22.24; 50 CFR 22.25

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to amend the eagle permit regulations providing for the taking, possession, and transportation of bald and golden eagles. The Service is revising the requirements for falconry purposes. The Service is adding additional requirements to allow a limited amount of take (relocation or destruction) of inactive bald eagle nests in Alaska.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is a paperwork burden associated with this action.

Agency Contact: Paul Schmidt, Chief, Migratory Bird Management Office, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 634 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-1714

RIN: 1018-AE62

1405. • MIGRATORY BIRD PERMITS; SPECIFIC PERMIT PROVISIONS; IMPORT AND EXPORT PERMITS; BANDING OR MARKING PERMITS; AND SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING PERMITS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 712(2)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 21

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to amend the Migratory Bird Permit Regulations providing permits for the taking, possession, transportation, sale, purchase, importation, exportation, and banding or marking of migratory birds.

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The Service is revising the requirements for scientific collecting, banding or marking permits and import and export permits.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is a paperwork burden associated with this action.

Agency Contact: Paul Schmidt, Chief, Migratory Bird Management Office, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 634 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-1714

RIN: 1018-AE63

1406. • MIGRATORY BIRD PERMITS; GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND EXCEPTIONS; GENERAL EXCEPTIONS TO PERMIT REQUIREMENTS; SPECIFIC PERMIT PROVISIONS; SPECIAL PURPOSE PERMITS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 712(2)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 21

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to amend the migratory bird permit regulations providing permits for the taking, possession, transportation, sale, purchase, and barter of migratory birds. The Service is revising the requirements for special purpose permits. The Service is also revising the general exceptions to permit requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no

statutory requirement. There is a paperwork burden associated with this action.

Agency Contact: Paul Schmidt, Chief, Migratory Bird Management Office, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 634 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-1714

RIN: 1018-AE64

1407. • MIGRATORY BIRD PERMITS; FEDERAL FALCONRY STANDARDS; DETERMINATION THAT VERMONT AND WEST VIRGINIA MEET OR EXCEED FEDERAL FALCONRY STANDARDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 712(2)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 21

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to amend the Federal falconry standards to add Vermont and West Virginia as falconry states. This approval will lift a prohibition for these states to practice falconry. The Service is also republishing the entire list of states approved for falconry. The Service proposes to administratively correct the regulations concerning the procedures for certification of compliance. The present procedures do not clearly outline the procedures followed for the certification process.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

Agency Contact: Paul Schmidt, Chief, Migratory Bird Management Office, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 634 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-1714

RIN: 1018-AE65

1408. • MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING; NONTOXIC SHOT; TEMPORARY APPROVAL OF TUNGSTEN-POLYMER AND TUNGSTEN-IRON SHOT AS NONTOXIC FOR WATERFOWL AND COOT HUNTING FOR THE 1998-99 SEASON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 703 to 712; 16 USC 742 (a) to 742(j)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 20

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to extend temporary conditional approval of tungsten-iron shot and amend section 20.21(j) to temporarily approve tungsten-polymer shot as nontoxic for waterfowl and coot hunting for the 1998-99 hunting season. Tungsten-iron shot was approved for the 1997-98 season, and the Service finds extension of this approval is necessary while the applicant completes the next stage of testing. The toxicological report, literature review, and analysis of tungsten and Nylon 6 (the polymer) suggest that these compounds are nontoxic under assumed use and in the environment. The toxicity study reveals no adverse effects over a 30-day period on mallard ducks (*Anas platyrhynchos*) dosed with 8 bb-sized tungsten-polymer shot pellets.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Paul Schmidt, Chief, Migratory Bird Management Office, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 634 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-1714

RIN: 1018-AE66

1409. • MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING; NONTOXIC SHOT; APPROVAL OF MOLYSHOT AS NONTOXIC FOR WATERFOWL AND COOT HUNTING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 703 to 712; 16 USC 742(a) to 742(j)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 20

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to amend section 20.21(j) and approve

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molyshot as nontoxic for waterfowl and coot hunting. A toxicological report that includes an extensive literature review and an analysis of molyshot components suggests that these compounds are nontoxic under assumed use and in the environment. The toxicity study reveals no adverse effects over a 30-day period on mallard ducks (*Anas platyrhynchos*) dosed with 8 bb-sized molyshot pellets.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

Agency Contact: Paul Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 634 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-1714

RIN: 1018-AE67

1410. • 1998-99 REFUGE-SPECIFIC HUNTING AND FISHING REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 16 USC 460k; 16 USC 664; 16 USC 668dd; 16 USC 715i

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 32

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Refuge hunting and fishing programs are reviewed annually to determine whether additional refuges should be added or whether individual refuge regulations governing existing programs should be modified, deleted, or have additions made to them. Changing environmental conditions, State and Federal regulations, and other factors affecting wildlife populations and habitat may warrant modifications ensuring continued compatibility of hunting and fishing with the purposes for which the individual refuges and the National Wildlife Refuge System were established.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Rick Coleman, Chief, Division of Refuges, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 670 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2029

RIN: 1018-AE68

1411. • SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC LANDS IN ALASKA - SUBPARTS C AND D—1999-2000 SUBSISTENCE TAKING OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 3111 to 3126

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 100

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would revise the customary and traditional use determinations and establish regulations for hunting and trapping seasons, harvest limits, methods, and means related to taking of wildlife for subsistence uses during the 1999-2000 regulatory year. The rulemaking is necessary because subpart D regulations require annual public review, and customary and traditional use determinations are also open to the same annual regulatory revision process. When final this rulemaking will replace hunting and trapping regulations in "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska; subparts C and D--1998-1999 Subsistence Taking of Fish and Wildlife Regulations," which expires on June 30, 1999. This is a joint program with the Departments of Interior and Agriculture.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Richard Pospahala, Chief, Office of Subsistence Management, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 E Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503
Phone: 907 786-3467

RIN: 1018-AE69

1412. • IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION OF WILDLIFE CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL MAIL, PET BIRDS, BORDER PORTS, SHELLFISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS EXEMPTION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 14

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes this regulatory action that will make changes to part 14, Importation, Exportation and Transportation of Wildlife concerning international mail, pet birds, border ports and shellfish and fishery products exemption. Changes will involve requiring a declaration of commercial mail wildlife shipments, requiring Wild Bird Conservation Act permitted shipments to go through a designated port, clarifying use of border ports, and clarifying current exemptions for shellfish and fishery products.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is a paperwork burden associated with this action.

Agency Contact: Kevin R. Adams, Chief, Division of Law Enforcement, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 520 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-1949

RIN: 1018-AE70

1413. • IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1994 AMENDMENTS TO THE MARINE MAMMALS PROTECTION ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 to 1374

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 18

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Section 104 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act authorizes the Director of the Service, acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to issue permits for activities otherwise prohibited by the Act. Per the 1994

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amendments to the Act, regulations will be developed for issuance of general authorizations and permits.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Margaret Tieger, Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 700 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2104

RIN: 1018-AE72

1414. • RECLASSIFICATION OF THE NAMIBIAN POPULATION OF CHEETAH FROM ENDANGERED TO THREATENED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361; 16 USC 1531 et seq; 16 USC 4201; PL 99-625

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17.11

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to reclassify the cheetah in Namibia from endangered to threatened based on a review of the population status and management, including protected status, of the species within that country. Namibia has one of the largest populations of the cheetahs within the species' extensive range (much of Africa and Iran).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Susan Lieberman, Acting Chief, Office of Scientific Authority, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 750 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-1708

RIN: 1018-AE73

1415. • MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING; REDUCTION OF THE MID-CONTINENT LESSER SNOW GOOSE POPULATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 601; 44 USC 3507d; 16 USC 703 to 711; 5 USC 553(d)(3); 2 USC 1502; 5 USC 8

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 20

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service plans on publishing a notice of intent followed by a proposed rule pertaining to an Environmental Assessment to review aspects of migratory bird hunting regulations and evaluate alternatives to reduce the over-abundant mid-continent lesser snow goose population by 50 percent by 2005.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

Agency Contact: Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Migratory Bird Management Office, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 634 ARLSQ, 1840 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-1714

RIN: 1018-AE74

1416. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED RULE TO LIST CAMATTA CANYON AMOLE AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list Camatta Canyon amole (*Chlorogalum purpureum* var. *reductum*) as endangered or threatened. This species is known from San Luis Obispo County, CA. Threats include CRV activity, cattle grazing, and predation by rodents.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE76

1417. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; LIST LAGRACIOSA THISTLE AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service plans to list as endangered or threatened LaGraciosa thistle (*Cirsium loncholepis*). This species is known from San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara, CA. Threats include urbanization, herbicides, groundwater pumping and ORV use.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE77

1418. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED RULE TO LIST LOMPOC YERBA SANTA AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list Lompoc yerba santa (*Eriodictyon capitatum*) as endangered or threatened. This species is known from Santa

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Barbara County, CA. Threats include increased development of facilities for military activities and private commercial development, grazing by feral pigs and fruit parasitism.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE78

1419. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES; PROPOSED RULE TO LIST AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED GAVIOTA TARPLANT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened Gaviota tarplant (*Hemizonia increscens* ssp. *villosa*). This species is known from CA. Threats include construction of oil and gas facilities and pipelines.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE79

1420. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED RULE TO LIST SANTA CRUZ TARPLANT AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened Santa Cruz tarplant (*Holocarpha macradenia*). This species is known from CA. Threats include development and invasion of nonnative species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE80

1421. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED RULE TO LIST AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED NIPOMA MESA LUPINE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened Nipomo Mesa lupine (*Lupinus nipomensis*). This species is known from San Luis Obispo, CA. Threats include habitat modification, hazardous waste clean-up and off-road vehicle impacts.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE81

1422. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED RULE TO LIST AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED YREKA PHLOX

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened Yreka phlox (*Phlox hirsuta*). This species is known from Siskiyou County, northern CA. Threats include development and road maintenance activities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE82

1423. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED RULE TO LIST AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED COWHEAD LAKE TUI CHUB

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened Cowhead Lake tui chub (*Gila bicolor vaccaceps*). This species is known from Modoc County, CA. Threats include diversion of water, reduction of riparian vegetation, and predation from snakes and birds and pesticides.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species,

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RIN: 1018-AE85

1424. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED RULE TO LIST AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED PUZZLE SUNFLOWER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list Puzzle sunflower (*Helianthus paradoxus*) as endangered or threatened. This species is known from TX and NM. Threats include falling water tables and depleted springs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE88

1425. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES; PROPOSED RULE TO LIST AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED BLUMER'S DOCK

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened Blumer's dock (*Rumex orthoneurus*). This species is known from Gila and Cochise Counties, AZ. Threats include habitat modification and destruction caused by mining, cattle grazing, recreation, and road construction.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE89

1426. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED RULE TO DELIST THROUGHOUT ITS RANGE AND REMOVE THE SIMILARITY OF APPEARANCE PROVISION FOR THE AMERICAN PEREGRINE FALCON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to delist the American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*) throughout its range and remove the similarity of appearance provision. This species nests from central Alaska across north-central Canada to central Mexico, winters in South America.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW.
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RIN: 1018-AE90

1427. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST AS ENDANGERED IN THE UNITED STATES THE SHORT-TAILED ALBATROSS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered in the United States the short-tailed albatross. Due to an oversight when the foreign and native species lists of the 1969 Endangered Species Conservation Act were merged, the U.S. population of this species was not listed. This proposed listing, if made final, would extend endangered status throughout the species' range. The species nests on certain Japanese islands but ranges into U.S. coastal waters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE91

1428. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF NONESSENTIAL EXPERIMENTAL POPULATION STATUS FOR 16 FRESHWATER MUSSELS AND 1 FRESHWATER SNAIL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to establish nonessential experimental population (NEP) status for 16 freshwater mussels and 1 freshwater snail in the free-flowing reach of the Tennessee River below Wilson Dam, Colbert and Lauderdale Counties, Alabama. None of these species are currently known to exist in this river reach or its tributaries. Thus, to ensure that any reintroduced species that may move into the tributaries are covered by these NEP designations, we also propose that the geographic boundaries of the NEPs include the lower 5 (8km) of all tributaries that enter the Wilson Dam tailwater.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE92

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1429. EAGLE PERMITS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 668

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 22

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Presently, the taking, possession, and transportation of bald or golden eagles, or their parts, nests, or eggs for the religious use of Native Americans is a permitted activity. The Service proposes to revise 50 CFR 22.22 to provide an import or export mechanism for eagle feathers legally possessed by Native Americans.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/16/94	59 FR 30892
NPRM Comment Period End	08/15/94	
Final Action	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Thomas L. Striegler, Deputy Chief, Division of Law Enforcement, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-500 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AB81

1430. EXPORT OF AMERICAN GINSENG HARVESTED IN 1994-1996

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 23

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory.

Abstract: This proposed rule will announce findings on the export of American ginseng from the 1994-96 harvest season in 21 States. The Service reviews information and data as a basis for determining whether to continue approval of export from specified States

for this harvest season, or to initiate changes. Also, North Dakota has applied to export cultivated ginseng under a State program, and Michigan has submitted draft legislation and is intending to apply soon to export ginseng. Acceptance of information provided by State ginseng management programs allows the Service to expedite the issuance of permits as required by the CITES treaty.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/26/94	59 FR 49046
NPRM Comment Period End	10/26/94	
Final Action	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: Marshall Jones, Assistant Director, International Affairs, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AC55

1431. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND GENERAL PERMIT PROCEDURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 10; 50 CFR 13; 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to amend 50 CFR part 13 which provides uniform permit procedures relating to the application, issuance, renewal, suspension, revocation, and general administration of Service permits. The Service's criteria for suspension and revocation of permits and its review

procedures will also be revised. Permit fee rates are amended to increase rates for the cost of processing certain permits. This change is necessary in order to recover a larger percentage of the cost of processing the permits. Several new permit fee exemptions will be added.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/05/95	60 FR 46087
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	11/15/95	60 FR 57386
Final Action	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Thomas L. Striegler, Deputy Chief, Division of Law Enforcement, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-500 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AC57

1432. SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC LANDS IN ALASKA; SUBPARTS C&D—1998-99 SUBSISTENCE TAKING OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 3111 to 3126

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 100

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would revise the customary and traditional use determinations and establish regulations for hunting and trapping seasons, harvest limits, methods, and means related to taking of wildlife for subsistence uses during the 1998-1999 regulatory year. The rulemaking is necessary because subpart D regulations require annual public review, and the customary and traditional use determinations also are open to the

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same annual regulatory revision process. When final, this rulemaking will replace hunting and trapping regulations in "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subparts C and D--1997-1998 Subsistence Taking of Fish and Wildlife Regulations," which expire on June 30, 1998. This is a joint program with the Departments of Interior and Agriculture.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/25/97	62 FR 39987
NPRM Comment Period End	10/24/97	
Final Action	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE12

1433. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CITES ACTION CONCERNING CHANGES TO APPENDICES TO LISTED SPECIES; SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING RESERVATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 23

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service will announce decisions by the Conference of the Parties to CITES held in Harare, Zimbabwe, June 9-20, 1997, and request comments on possible reservations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/22/97	62 FR 44627
NPRM Comment Period End	09/12/97	
Final Action	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 1018-AE16

1434. REGULATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND VISITOR FACILITY SITES ON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 16 USC 460k; 16 USC 668dd; 16 USC 742a; 16 USC 3101; 44 USC 3501

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 36

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes this amendment to current regulations in order to provide the Service with the proper authority to enforce regulations concerning public safety, protection of government property, and applicable State of Alaska fish and wildlife regulations on administrative and visitor facility sites which commonly are located outside the approved boundaries of national wildlife refuges.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/27/97	62 FR 34681
NPRM Comment Period End	08/26/97	
Final Action	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Rick Coleman, Chief, Division of Refuges, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 670 ARLSQ, 1849 C Streets NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2029

RIN: 1018-AE21

1435. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; LIST 3 AQUATIC SNAILS AS ENDANGERED; 3 AQUATIC SNAILS AS THREATENED IN MOBILE RIVER BASIN, ALABAMA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list cylindrical lioplax, flat pebblesnail and plicate rocksnail as endangered; painted rocksnail, round rocksnail and

lacy elimia as threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. These aquatic snails are found in localized portions of the Black Warrior, Cahaba, Alabama and Coosa Rivers or their tributaries in Alabama. Impoundment and water quality degradation have eliminated the 6 snails from 90 percent or more of their historic habitat. Surviving populations are currently threatened by pollutants such as sediments and nutrients that wash into streams from the land surface.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/17/97	62 FR 54020
NPRM Comment Period End	12/16/97	
Final Action	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE36

1436. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; THREATENED STATUS FOR VIRGINIA SNEEZEWEED; A PLANT FROM THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY OF VIRGINIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list Virginia Sneezeweed (*Helenium Virginicum*) as a threatened species, under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. This rare plant is restricted to seasonally inundated sinkhole ponds and meadows in Augusta and Rockingham counties, Virginia. Five of the 25 known extant populations are on U.S. Forest Service land, the others are on private land. This perennial plant is threatened by residential development, incompatible agricultural practices, filling and ditching of its wetland habitat and other disruptions of its habitat and the hydrology that maintains it. At several sites, ditches

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have been constructed to reduce the length of time that standing water is present. This has caused the species at one of the sites to be reduced to near extinction. Virginia Sneezeweed is presently listed as endangered by the State of Virginia.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/29/97	62 FR 50896
NPRM Comment	11/28/97	
Period End		
Final Action	09/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE37

1437. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST ST. ANDREW BEACH MOUSE AS ENDANGERED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes endangered status for the St. Andrews beach mouse pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. This subspecies is restricted to coastal sand dunes and had an historic distribution that included the northeast FL panhandle from Gulf County into portions of Bay County. Its current range is limited to a portion of the St. Joseph Peninsula in Gulf County within St. Joseph Peninsula and William J. Rish State Parks and some private lands. Habitat impacts causing loss of mice and the species' local capability to recover from such impacts are primarily responsible for the range curtailment. Threats to beach mouse habitat include severe storms, coastal land development and its associated activities, and non-storm related natural shoreline erosion. Additional threats include predation by free-ranging domestic cats and displacement by house mice. This species is State-listed as endangered.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/17/97	62 FR 54028
NPRM Comment	12/16/97	
Period End		
Final Action	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE41

1438. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; LIST TOPEKA SHINER AS ENDANGERED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list the Topeka shiner as an endangered species under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The Topeka shiner is a small fish, presently known from small tributary streams in the Kansas and Neosho River Basins in Kansas; the Missouri, Grand, Loamine, Chariton, and Des Moines River Basins in Missouri; the North Racoon River Basin in Iowa; the James and Vermillion River watersheds in S. Dakota; and the Rock River watershed in Minnesota. More than 95 percent of the remaining populations of the Topeka shiner occur on private lands with the remaining populations on State and Federal lands belonging to the States of Kansas and Missouri and the National Park Service. The Topeka shiner is threatened by habitat destruction, degradation, modification, and fragmentation resulting from siltation, reduced water quality, tributary impoundment, stream channelization, and stream dewatering. The species is also impacted by introduced predacious fishes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/24/97	62 FR 55381
NPRM Comment	12/23/97	
Period End		
Final Action	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE42

1439. • MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING; PROPOSED 1997-98 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS (PRELIMINARY) WITH REQUESTS FOR INDIAN TRIBAL PROPOSALS

Priority: Economically Significant. Major under 5 USC 801.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 703 to 712; 16 USC 742(a) to 742(j)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 20

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to establish annual hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds. The Service also requests proposals from Indian tribes that wish to establish special migratory bird hunting regulations. The establishment of these regulations will permit the taking of the designated species during the 1997-98 hunting season. The Service annually prescribes outside limits within which States may select hunting seasons. The Service has also employed guidelines to establish special migratory bird hunting regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands. These seasons provide hunting opportunities for recreation and subsistence; aid Federal, State and tribal governments in the management of migratory game birds; and are designed to permit harvests at levels compatible with migratory bird population status and habitat conditions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/20/98	63 FR 13748
Final Action	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Migratory Bird Management Office, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 634 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240

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1440. CAPTIVE-BRED WILDLIFE**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Fish and Wildlife Service regulates certain activities involving non-native endangered or threatened wildlife species that are born in captivity in the United States. Currently, this is accomplished by requiring persons who wish to conduct otherwise prohibited activities with such wildlife to register with the Service to obtain a captive-bred wildlife or CBW registration. These regulations will be reviewed to determine if further action is necessary to relieve certain restrictions on the public that may have become burdensome, counterproductive, or outmoded.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	01/07/92	57 FR 548
ANPRM Comment Period End	03/09/92	
NPRM	06/11/93	58 FR 32632
NPRM Comment Period End	09/09/93	
Interim Final Rule	12/27/93	58 FR 68323
Final Action	00/00/00	
Captive-bred wildlife regulations, part 2		
NPRM	12/27/93	(58 FR 68323)

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

Additional Information: On June 11, 1993, the Service published a proposed rule that would revise the captive-bred wildlife regulations and the definitions of the terms "harass" and "enhance the propagation or survival." During the 90-day comment period, extensive comments on the proposal were received. The Service has decided to eliminate education as the sole basis for justifying issuance of a captive-bred wildlife registration, and a final rule to that effect was published on December 27, 1993 (58 FR 68323). The Service will split this action into three final rules and reopen the comment period on the balance of the issues in the proposals, including the question of the

value of education as it relates to endangered species permits.

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1441. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: Regulations will be developed which would list, reclassify, or delist, as appropriate, certain species of fish, wildlife, and plants under the Endangered Species Act, and where prudent, would identify critical habitat for endangered and threatened species. Such actions are taken upon determination that species are endangered, threatened, or neither, and are based solely on the biological information available to the Department.

Timetable:

Addax antelope		
NPRM	11/05/91	(56 FR 56491)
Final Action	00/00/00	
Dama gazelle		
NPRM	11/05/91	(56 FR 56491)
Final Action	00/00/00	
Ohio emerald dragonfly		
Final Action	01/26/95	(60 FR 5267)
Oryx antelope		
NPRM	11/05/91	(56 FR 56491)
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	06/08/92	(57 FR 24220)
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State

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RIN: 1018-AB66

1442. LIST OF MIGRATORY BIRDS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 704; 16 USC 712**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 10.13**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The List of Migratory Birds found at 50 CFR 10.13 is being revised to (1) bring the list into conformity with generally accepted taxonomy and nomenclature--English (common) and scientific names, as reflected in four published supplements to the 6th (1983) edition of the American Ornithologists' Union Checklist of North American Birds; and (2) add species that are of regular occurrence in the United States that are not included on the current list.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/09/95	60 FR 24686
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-634 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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1443. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq

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CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.
In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: Regulations will be developed which would list, reclassify, or delist, as appropriate, certain species of fish, wildlife, and plants under the Endangered Species Act, and where prudent, would identify critical habitat for endangered and threatened species. Such actions are taken upon determination that species are endangered, threatened, or neither, and are based solely on the biological information available to the Department.

Timetable:**Appalachian elktoe**

NPRM 09/03/93 (58 FR 46940)
Final Action 11/23/94 (59 FR 60324)

Arroyo southwestern toad

NPRM 08/03/93 (58 FR 41378)
NPRM Comment Period Reopened
09/09/93 (58 FR 47428)
Final Action 12/16/94 (59 FR 64859)

Dugong

NPRM 08/05/93 (58 FR 41688)
Withdrawn 08/26/96

Louisiana black bear, critical habitat

NPRM 12/03/93 (58 FR 63560)
NPRM Comment Period Reopened
03/07/94 (59 FR 10607)
Final Action 00/00/00

McFarlane's four-o'clock

NPRM 08/26/93 (58 FR 45085)
Final Action 03/15/96 (61 FR 10693)

Pahrump poolfish

Final Action 08/05/93 (58 FR 41688)
NPRM 09/22/93 (58 FR 49279)

Southwestern willow flycatcher, critical habitat

Final Action 07/22/97 (62 FR 39129)

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 1018-AB97

1444. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: SAN XAVIER TALUSSNAIL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.

In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: Regulations will be developed which would list, reclassify, or delist, as appropriate, the San Xavier talussnail under the Endangered Species Act. Where prudent, critical habitat will be identified for the endangered or threatened species. Such actions are taken only upon determination that the species is endangered, threatened, or neither, and are based solely on the biological information available to the Department.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/23/94	59 FR 13691
NPRM Comment Period End	05/23/94	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AC13

1445. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; RECLASSIFICATION OF THE LOCH LOMOND COYOTE THISTLE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.

In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: Regulations will be developed which will list, reclassify, or delist, as appropriate, the Loch Lomond coyote thistle under the Endangered Species Act. Where prudent, critical habitat will be identified for the species. Such actions are taken upon determination that the species is endangered, threatened, or neither, and are based solely on the biological

information available to the Department.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/29/93	58 FR 62629
NPRM Comment Period End	01/28/94	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AC14

1446. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: PARISH'S ALKALI GRASS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.

In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: Regulations will be developed that will list, reclassify, or delist, as appropriate, Parish's alkali grass, under the Endangered Species Act. Where prudent, critical habitat will be identified for the species. Such actions are taken upon determination that species are endangered, threatened, or neither, and are based solely on the biological information available to the Department.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/28/94	59 FR 14378
NPRM Comment Period End	05/27/94	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	08/30/94	59 FR 44700
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240

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RIN: 1018-AC21

1447. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: SACRAMENTO SPLITTAIL**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory.

In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: Regulations will be developed that will list, reclassify, or delist, as appropriate, the Sacramento splittail under the Endangered Species Act. Where prudent, critical habitat will be identified for the species. Such actions are taken upon determination that species are endangered, threatened, or neither, and are based solely on the biological information available to the Department.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/06/94	59 FR 862
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AC26

1448. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: INTERCROSS PROGENY POLICY AND DEFINITIONS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service propose to amend the regulations implementing the Endangered Species Act by adding definitions for intercross and intercross progeny (to include hybrids). Also, 50

CFR 17.11(g) and 17.12(g) will be amended by adding wording to indicate that the listing of a taxon as endangered or threatened would include all individuals that share characteristic traits of that taxon, including individuals produced under conditions of confinement. The amendments are necessary in order to proceed with the evaluation and implementation of intercrossing as a recovery technique for the Florida panther.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/07/96	61 FR 4710
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AC54

1449. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: ARKANSAS RIVER SHINER**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.
In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: Regulations will be developed that will determine the appropriate status for the Arkansas River population of the Arkansas River shiner. This small minnow is endemic to the Arkansas River drainage in Arkansas, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, but is presently almost entirely restricted to the Canadian/South Canadian River in Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/03/94	59 FR 39532
NPRM Comment Period End	10/03/94	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	12/05/97	62 FR 64337
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AC62

1450. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: TROPICAL BIRDS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory.

In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: Regulations will be developed that will determine the appropriate status for up to 38 species of tropical birds.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State

Agency Contact: Charlie Dane, Chief, Office of Scientific Authority, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 750 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-1708

RIN: 1018-AC77

1451. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: FOUR SOUTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA PLANTS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory.

In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: Regulations will be developed to determine the appropriate

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status for four plants found in southwestern California and northwestern Baja California, Mexico. These species are: Munz's onion, San Jacinto Valley crownscale, Thread-leaved brodiaea, and Spreading navarretia. These four plants occur in vernal pools and other wetlands or on clay soils and moist grasslands throughout their range. Critical habitat will be proposed only for the San Jacinto Valley crownscale, at this time.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/15/94	59 FR 64794
NPRM Comment Period End	02/13/95	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	03/07/95	60 FR 12531

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AC88

1452. SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE PROCEDURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 4222 to 4241; 16 USC 4901 to 4916; 18 USC 42

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 12

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to amend regulations in 50 CFR part 12 that establish procedures relating to property seized or subject to administrative forfeiture under various laws enforced by the Service. This revision is intended to provide uniform guidance for the bonded release, appraisal, administrative proceeding, petition for remission, and disposal of items subject to forfeiture. Also these revisions are intended to provide for greater consistency of Service seizure and forfeiture procedures with those of the U.S. Customs Service.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/27/95	60 FR 58468
Interim Final Rule	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

Agency Contact: Thomas L. Striegler, Deputy Chief, Division of Law Enforcement, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-500 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AC89

1453. CRITICAL HABITAT DESIGNATION FOR THE LOST RIVER AND SHORNOSE SUCKERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: Regulations will be developed that will identify critical habitat for the Lost River and Shortnose suckers, two species federally listed as endangered. Both species are endemic to the Upper Klamath River Basin of Oregon and California.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/01/94	59 FR 61744
NPRM Comment Period End	01/30/95	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AC90

1454. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: LEAST CHUB

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend that rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: Regulations will be developed that will determine the appropriate status for the Least chub under the Endangered Species Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/29/95	60 FR 50518
NPRM Comment Period End	11/28/95	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	06/07/96	61 FR 29047
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AC91

1455. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: TEN PLANTS FROM THE CALIFORNIA SIERRA NEVADA MOUNTAINS FOOTHILLS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: Regulations will be developed that will determine appropriate status for 10 plants: Chinese Camp brodiaea, Piute Mountains navarretia, Carpenteria, Springville clarkia, Kelso Creek monkeyflower, Red Hills vervain, Rawhide Hill onion, Mariposa lupine,

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Mariposa pussypaws, and Greenhorn adobe lily, under the Endangered Species Act. Critical habitat is not being proposed at this time.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/04/94	59 FR 50540
NPRM Comment Period End	12/05/94	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	12/29/94	59 FR 67268
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	02/14/95	60 FR 8342
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	02/04/97	62 FR 5199
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	06/30/97	62 FR 35116

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AC99

1456. REVISION OF MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS, 50 CFR PART 20

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 703 to 711; 16 USC 712; 16 USC 742a to 742d; 16 USC 742e to 742j

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 20

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to revise and update regulations governing migratory bird hunting. Changes will be proposed that will clarify and include all the specific prohibitions in part 20 to apply to migratory game hunting during closed and open hunting seasons.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: John J. Doggett, Chief, Division of Law Enforcement, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-500 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-1949

RIN: 1018-AD01

1457. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: CALIFORNIA PLANTS AND THE BLACK LEGLESS LIZARD

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.
In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: Regulations will be developed that will determine the appropriate status for five plants--Coastal dunes milk-vetch, Yadon's piperia, Hickman's potentilla, Monterey clovers, Gowen cypress, and the Black legless lizard--under the Endangered Species Act. Critical habitat is not being proposed at this time.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/02/95	60 FR 39326
NPRM Comment Period End	09/25/95	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	04/02/97	62 FR 15646

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AD09

1458. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: CRITICAL HABITAT DESIGNATION FOR THE WESTERN SNOWY PLOVER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Judicial, June 1, 1995.

Abstract: The Service proposes to designate critical habitat for the Pacific coast population of the Western snowy plover. The plover was listed as a threatened species on March 5, 1993. Critical habitat for the plover is proposed in coastal areas of Washington, Oregon, and California.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/02/95	60 FR 11768
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	05/15/95	60 FR 25882

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AD10

1459. MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT; UNINTENTIONAL TAKE OF MARINE MAMMALS BY HARASSMENT ONLY IN ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN COMMERCIAL FISHING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 18

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Marine Mammal Protection Act, as amended in April 1994, authorizes the Secretary to allow U.S. citizens to incidentally, unintentionally take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment only for periods up to 1 year during specified activities other than commercial fishing. This regulatory action would implement this statutory provision.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Robert Peoples, Acting Chief, Division of Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance, Department of the Interior, United

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States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-840 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AD18

1460. MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT; MEASURES TO SAFELY DETER MARINE MAMMALS, INCLUDING THREATENED AND ENDANGERED MARINE MAMMALS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 18

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Marine Mammal Act as amended in April 1994, requires the Service to develop a list of guidelines to safely deter marine mammals for which the Service has statutory management responsibility, including threatened and endangered species. Such measures of deterrence are for use in protecting: (1) fishing gear or catch; (2) private property; (3) personal human safety; or (4) public property. This regulatory action would implement these statutory provisions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Robert Peoples, Acting Chief, Division of Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-840 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-1718

RIN: 1018-AD19

1461. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; SPECIAL RULE FOR THE NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service will propose a section 4(d) rule for the northern spotted owl under the Endangered

Species Act that will define the conditions under which incidental take of the species through habitat modification would not be a violation of section 9 of the Act. An environmental impact statement is also being prepared, and will be available for review concurrent with the proposed rule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/17/95	60 FR 9484
NPRM Comment Period End	05/18/95	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	05/18/95	60 FR 26712
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	07/17/95	60 FR 36382
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	09/25/95	60 FR 49358
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	11/27/95	60 FR 58323
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	01/31/96	61 FR 3369
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	02/23/96	61 FR 6964
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	04/08/96	61 FR 15452
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	05/10/96	61 FR 21426
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	06/17/96	61 FR 30588
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AD20

1462. TAXONOMIC CHANGE FROM SUBSPECIES TO VERTEBRATE POPULATION SEGMENT FOR THE VIRGIN RIVER CHUB

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Recent taxonomic work concluded that specific rank is warranted for the Virgin River chub, a federally listed endangered species found in the Virgin River system of Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. Additionally, researchers concluded

that the chub in the Muddy River of Nevada is conspecific with the Virgin River chub. Previously this distinctive population of the Virgin River chub, a category 2 candidate for Federal listing, was considered a separate, unnamed subspecies of roundtail chub, and was referred to as the Moapa roundtail chub. Because of this recent taxonomic work, the Service accepts that specific rank is warranted for the Virgin River chub and proposes to change the listing of the Virgin River chub in the Virgin River from a subspecies to a vertebrate population segment in the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. In addition, the Service initiates a status review of the Virgin River chub in the Muddy River to determine whether this vertebrate population warrants listing as a threatened or endangered species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/24/95	60 FR 37866
NPRM Comment Period End	09/22/95	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Local

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AD22

1463. CRITICAL HABITAT PROPOSAL FOR VIRGIN RIVER FISHES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.

In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: The Service proposes to designate critical habitat for the Virgin River Chub, the Woundfin, and Virgin spinedace. The Virgin River chub and Woundfin are listed as endangered; the Virgin spinedace has been proposed for listing as threatened (May 18, 1994), but the listing has not been finalized as yet.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/05/95	60 FR 17296
NPRM Comment Period End	06/05/95	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

Additional Information: This rulemaking was inadvertently published as RIN 1018-AD22. The final rule will be published with the correct RIN 1018-AD23. The rulemaking action(s) listed under this RIN has (have) been temporarily suspended due to legislative restriction on publication of final listing and critical habitat determinations.

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RIN: 1018-AD23

1464. SEVEN PLANTS FROM THE MOUNTAINS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: The Service will develop regulations that will determine the appropriate status for seven plants from the mountains of southern California: San Bernardino bluegrass, California dandelion, Johnson's rock-cress, Bear Valley sandwort, Ash-grey Indian paintbrush, Southern mountain wild buckwheat, and Hidden Lake bluecurls.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/02/95	60 FR 39337
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United

States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AD34

1465. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: PALLID MANZANITA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: Regulations will be developed that will determine the appropriate status for the Pallid manzanita. This plant species is found only in dry chaparral habitat within or near the northern Diablo Range of California in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The species is threatened by shading and competition from native and non-native plants, fire suppression, habitat regulatory mechanisms, and stochastic events by virtue of the small isolated nature of the remaining populations. All occurrences of this species are located on State, county, and private lands.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/02/95	60 FR 39309
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	02/25/97	62 FR 8417
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	05/05/97	62 FR 24388
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AD35

1466. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: FOUR SOUTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA PLANTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: Regulations will be developed that will determine the appropriate status for four California plants: San Diego thornmint, Laguna Beach liveforever, Otay tarweed, and Willowy monardella. These species are found in San Diego County and northern Baja, California. Critical habitat is not being proposed at this time.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/09/95	60 FR 40549
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AD38

1467. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: FOUR PLANTS FROM INTERIOR CHAPARRAL OF SOUTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA AND NORTHWESTERN BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: Regulations will be developed that will determine the appropriate status for four plants:

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Nevin's barberry, Mexican flannelbush, Vail Lake ceanothus, and Dehesa beargrass. These perennial shrubs and plants are found in chaparral habitat west of the Peninsular Ranges in southwestern California and northwestern Baja California, Mexico. Critical habitat is not being proposed at this time.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/02/95	60 FR 51445
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS-452 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AD60

1468. EXPORT OF RIVER OTTERS TAKEN IN MISSOURI IN 1996-97 AND SUBSEQUENT SEASONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 23

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) regulates international trade in certain animal and plant species. Exports of animals and plants listed on appendix II of CITES require an export permit from the country of origin. The purpose of this rulemaking is to announce findings by the Scientific and Management Authorities of the United States on the proposed export of river otters harvested in the State of Missouri, and to add Missouri to the list of States and Indian Nations for which the export of river otters is approved. The Service intends to apply these findings to harvests in Missouri during the 1996-97 season and subsequent seasons, subject to the conditions applying to approved States.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/02/96	61 FR 14543
NPRM Comment Period End	06/03/96	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 1018-AD63

1469. EXPORT OF APPENDIX I SPECIMENS THAT WERE BRED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 23

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The regulations need to be updated to clarify the process of obtaining export permits for appendix I specimens that are bred for commercial purposes, including the procedure for becoming registered with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Secretariat.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AD64

1470. CONSOLIDATION OF LISTS OF WILDLIFE OF FEDERAL CONCERN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq; 16 USC 703; 16 USC 1361; 16 USC 4901; 18 USC 42; 16 USC 3371

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 10

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to consolidate into part 10 lists of plants and wildlife currently contained in various parts of subchapter B (parts 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 23).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	03/19/96	61 FR 11180
ANPRM Comment Period End	05/03/96	
Next Action Undetermined		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AD66

1471. RECLASSIFICATION OF YACARE CAIMAN FROM ENDANGERED TO THREATENED WITH SPECIAL RULE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service will develop regulations to declassify populations of the Yacare caiman in South America. Also included in this rulemaking is a special rule to allow commercial trade in skins, other parts, and products of Yacare caimans from South America. The combination of actions proposed will have the effect of stimulated legal and responsible trade in Yacare caiman hides and, in this respect, constitutes removal of a barrier to trade.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 1018-AD67

DOI—FWS

Long-Term Actions

1472. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING: REGULATIONS REGARDING PROHIBITION AGAINST ARTIFICIALLY ALTERING/MANIPULATING NATURAL VEGETATION IN MOIST AREAS TO ATTRACT WATERFOWL**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 703 et seq; 16 USC 712; 16 USC 742**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 20**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This action notifies the public and invites comments regarding promulgation of a separate rulemaking that will govern the manner in which or if at all natural vegetation in moist soil areas may be altered or manipulated artificially to attract waterfowl for hunting purposes. Previously, the subject regulations had been part of the ongoing review of 50 CFR 20 but now will be considered separately.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	03/22/96	61 FR 11805
ANPRM Comment Period End	06/20/96	
NPRM	03/25/98	63 FR 14415
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1018-AD74**1473. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: REMOVAL OF LLOYD'S HEDGEHOG CACTUS FROM FEDERAL LIST OF ENDANGERED AND THREATENED PLANTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service proposes to remove Lloyd's hedgehog cactus from the Federal list of endangered and threatened plants. Lloyd's hedgehog cactus was listed as endangered on October 26, 1979, due to threats of

collection and highway projects. Recent evidence indicates that Lloyd's hedgehog cactus is not a distinct species but rather a hybrid. Lloyd's hedgehog cactus is presently known from four counties in west Texas and one county in New Mexico and from Chihuahua, Mexico.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/14/96	61 FR 30209
NPRM Comment Period End	08/13/96	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1018-AD91**1474. SAFE HARBOR POLICY AND GUIDANCE FOR CANDIDATE AGREEMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Unfunded Mandates:** Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 13; 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service proposes technical amendments to its general regulations implementing its permitting program. The proposed revisions would explain and clarify applicable general permit conditions to the permitting procedures associated with habitat conservation plans and safe harbor agreements issued under section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The Service also announces a safe harbor policy under the Act, providing incentives for private and other non-Federal landowners to restore, enhance, or maintain habitat for endangered and threatened species. The Service, in cooperation with the appropriate State agencies, may enter into safe harbor agreements with non-Federal landowners to enhance the survival of listed species with the concurrence of the landowner, include proposed or candidate species in such agreements. A procedure and guidance for providing assurances to non-Federal

landowners involved in candidate conservation also is proposed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/12/97	62 FR 32189
NPRM Comment Period End	08/11/97	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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RIN: 1018-AD95**1475. STANDARDS FOR THE HUMANE AND HEALTHFUL TRANSPORT OF WILD REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS TO THE UNITED STATES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 42(c); 16 USC 3371 to 3378; 16 USC 1538d to 1538f; 16 USC 1540(f); 16 USC 1382; 16 USC 705; 16 USC 712(j); 31 USC 483(a)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 14**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The purpose of these regulations is to prescribe requirements necessary to ensure that the wild reptiles and amphibians shipped to the United States arrive alive, healthy, and uninjured and that transportation of such animals occurs under humane and healthful conditions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/06/97	62 FR 31044
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	08/05/97	62 FR 42091
NPRM Comment Period End	09/04/97	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	12/05/97	62 FR 64335
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1018-AD98

1476. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A NONESSENTIAL EXPERIMENTAL POPULATION OF BLACK-FOOTED FERRETS IN NORTHWESTERN COLORADO AND NORTHEASTERN UT**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service, in conjunction with the Bureau of Land Management, the Colorado Division of Wildlife, and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, proposes to introduce black-footed ferrets into northwestern Colorado/northeastern Utah. The northwestern Colorado/northeastern Utah experimental population area is proposed to be designated a nonessential experimental population in accordance with section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/29/97	62 FR 23202
NPRM Comment Period End	06/30/97	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 1018-AD99

1477. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED REINTRODUCTION OF A NONESSENTIAL EXPERIMENTAL POPULATION OF GRIZZLY BEARS IN IDAHO AND MONTANA**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service proposes to establish a nonessential experimental population of grizzly bears into the Bitterroot ecosystem in central Idaho and western Montana. This experimental population is proposed to be designated a nonessential experimental population in accordance with section 10(j) of the Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/02/97	62 FR 35762
NPRM Comment Period End	10/09/97	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	10/28/97	62 FR 55774
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Tribal

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RIN: 1018-AE00

1478. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF NONESSENTIAL EXPERIMENTAL POPULATION OF TEN FRESHWATER MUSSELS IN HOLSTON RIVER SYSTEM IN TN AND VA**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service plans to reintroduce ten mussels (Appalachian monkeyface pearl mussel, cracking pearl mussel, Cumberland monkeyface pearl mussel, dromedary pearl mussel, fanshell, orange-foot, pimpleback pearl mussel, ring pink mussel, rough pigtoe, and tan riffleshell) into historic habitat in the next 2 to 3 years. The mussels to be used in the reintroduction will include artificially propagated juveniles and adults taken from the wild, under certain circumstances. Mussel propagation technology currently is being developed using nonendangered surrogate species. The 4(d) rule will exempt unavoidable and unintentional take, such as fishing, boating, trapping, or wading.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1018-AE01

1479. REVISION TO SUBCHAPTER C—THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 460k

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 25; 50 CFR 26; 50 CFR 27; 50 CFR 28; 50 CFR 29; 50 CFR 30; 50 CFR 31; 50 CFR 32; 50 CFR 34; 50 CFR 35; 50 CFR 36; 50 CFR 37

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service plans to rewrite subchapter C to include new public recreation policy on National Wildlife Refuges to include opening refuges to all public recreation (hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, boating, hiking, camping, and picnicking) at the time of purchase. This is an administrative action and will not involve compliance cost to the public.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1018-AE02

DOI—FWS

Long-Term Actions

1480. PROPOSED APPROVAL OF SELECTED STATE PROGRAMS ALLOWING THE EXPORT OF GINSENG HARVESTED IN 1997-1999

Priority: Economically Significant. Major under 5 USC 801.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 23

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will announce findings on the export of American ginseng from the 1997-1999 harvest season in 25 states. The Service reviews information and data as a basis for determining whether to continue approval of export from specific states for this harvest season or to initiate changes. The State of Oregon intends to apply soon to export ginseng. Acceptance of information provided by State ginseng management programs allows the Service to expedite the issuance of permits as required by the CITES treaty.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 1018-AE03

1481. ENDANGERED SPECIES LISTING: PREBLE'S MEADOW JUMPING MOUSE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. In accordance with 16 USC 1533 the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse, a small rodent, as an endangered species throughout its range without critical habitat. Preble's is restricted to four

counties in Colorado and two counties in Wyoming. An undetermined number of Preble's on 10 sites are endangered due to modification and loss of wetland and riparian habitat from a range of human land uses including agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial, and recreational development.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/25/97	62 FR 14093
NPRM Comment Period End	05/27/97	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	12/23/97	62 FR 67041
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE06

1482. IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION OF WILDLIFE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 to 1407

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 18

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would revise the Service regulations providing for user fee collections from commercial importers and exporters of wildlife and wildlife products. The Service proposes a licensing and fee scheme which will exempt certain commercial importers and exporters from our inspection fee, based upon specific criteria, including country of origin, numbers of items, and permitting requirements. We propose to modify our user fee regulations to grant relief to certain individuals and small businesses, meeting the outlined criteria, from the designated port inspection fee and nondesignated administrative fee and hourly minimums only. This proposal, if implemented, will allow us to continue to collect data on fee collections in order to analyze the impact of user fees on small businesses for future decision making.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/22/98	63 FR 3298

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	03/23/98	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

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RIN: 1018-AE08

1483. EXPORT OF AMERICAN ALLIGATOR FOR THE 1998-2000 HARVEST SEASONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 23.57; 50 CFR 17.42(a)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will make minor changes in the tagging requirements for American alligator skins to conform with the CITES tagging resolution and announces proposed findings on the effects of the export of American alligator under CITES for the 1998-2000 harvest seasons. This rule provides for the export of American alligator parts and products under CITES.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 1018-AE15

1484. REVISIONS TO THE FEDERAL AID ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 777i; 16 USC 669i; 18 USC 701

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 80

Legal Deadline: None

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Long-Term Actions

Abstract: The Service proposes to revise part 80 to clarify the language in the administrative requirements section and simplify some of the procedures to enable the states and the public to better understand the procedures and requirements for obtaining and administering grants under the Federal Aid in Fish and Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Acts.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: State, Tribal

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RIN: 1018-AE17

1485. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR BLACKBURN'S SPHINX MOTH FROM THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.
In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: The Service is proposing to add the Blackburn's sphinx moth to the list of endangered and threatened wildlife. The single remaining population is found on the island of Maui in the Hawaiian Islands. It is the largest (in adult form) native insect with a wing span of 5 inches.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/02/97	62 FR 15640
NPRM Comment Period End	06/02/97	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 1018-AE20

1486. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: PROPOSED STATUS FOR TEN PLANT TAXA FROM MAUI NUI, HAWAII

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.
In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: The Service proposes endangered status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 for 10 plant taxa without critical habitat designation. All 10 taxa are endemic to the Maui Nui group of islands in the Hawaiian Islands. This group includes Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and Kahoolawe and are found in a wide range of vegetative communities, elevation zones, and moisture regimes. The 10 plant taxa and their habitats have been variously affected or are currently threatened by one or more of the following: competition, predation or habitat degradation from alien species, natural disasters, and random environmental events.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/15/97	62 FR 26757
NPRM Comment Period End	07/14/97	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE22

1487. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR TWO LARKSPURS FROM COASTAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.
In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: The Service proposes endangered status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 for two plants (Baker's larkspur and yellow larkspur). These species grow in a variety of habitats including coastal prairie, coastal scrub or chaparral in Sonoma and Marin counties in northern California. Habitat loss and degradation, sheep grazing, road maintenance activities, and overcollection imperil the continued existence of these plants. Random events increase the risk of extinction to the extremely small plant populations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/19/97	62 FR 33383
NPRM Comment Period End	08/18/97	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE23

1488. NO SURPRISES POLICY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule contains the Service's proposed regulatory changes to part 17 of title 50 CFR and the National Marine Fisheries Service's

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(NMFS) proposed regulatory changes to part 222 of title 50 necessary to implement the No Surprises Policy. These proposed revisions, which codify the Administration's No Surprises Policy, will provide regulatory assurance to permittees that have obtained an issued habitat conservation planning (HCP) permit under section 10 of the Endangered Species Act. The policy was developed jointly by the Departments of Commerce and Interior. The policy sets forth a clear commitment by the FWS, NMFS, and the Departments of Commerce and Interior that, to the extent consistent with the requirements of the ESA and other Federal laws, the Government will honor its agreements under an approved HCP for which the permittee is in good faith implementing the HCP's terms and conditions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/29/97	62 FR 29091
NPRM Comment Period End	07/28/97	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE24

1489. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR IONE BUCKWHEAT AND THREATENED STATUS FOR IONE MANZANITA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.
In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: The Service proposed endangered status for ione buckwheat (a perennial herb) and threatened status for ione manzanita (an evergreen shrub of the heath family). These two species

occur primarily on gravelly clay soils with iron oxide crust within chaparral (derived from the iron formation) in Amador or Calaveras counties in the central Sierra Nevada foothills of California. They are imperiled by one or more of the following factors: mining, clearing of vegetation for agriculture and fire protection, disease, inadequate regulatory mechanisms, habitat fragmentation, residential and commercial development, changes in fire frequency, and continued erosion due to prior off-road vehicle use. Random events increase the risk to the few, small populations of ione buckwheat. Ownership of most occurrences of these two species is private. One population of each occurs on Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Other potential Federal involvement includes the use of Federal highway funds, the permitting of lignite or coal mines through the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and the relicensing of hydro-electric projects by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/25/97	62 FR 34190
NPRM Comment Period End	08/25/97	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE25

1490. IMPORTATION OF POLAR BEAR TROPHIES FROM CANADA; ADDITION OF POPULATIONS TO THE LIST OF AREAS APPROVED FOR IMPORT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 18

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule announces proposed findings on the import of polar bears taken in sport hunts in the areas formerly known as Parry Channel-Baffin Bay and Queen Elizabeth

Islands, Northwest Territories, Canada. These findings include polar bears taken but not imported prior to enactment of the 1994 amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). The Service summarizes the new research data used by Canada to redefine these areas into five populations: Queen Elizabeth Islands, Norwegian Bay, Kane Basin, Lancaster Sound and Baffin Bay and provides a summary of the Nunavut Land Claim and the new flexible quota option. The Service proposes to find that Lancaster Sound and Norwegian Bay meet the requirements of the MMPA and to add them to the list of approved populations in the regulations. On the other hand, the Service proposes to defer the decision on the remaining three populations: Queen Elizabeth Islands, Baffin Bay and the Kane Basin. The Service intends to make these findings for multiple sport hunting seasons pending receipt of substantial new information or review as required under the MMPA.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/02/98	63 FR 5340
NPRM Comment Period End	03/04/98	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1018-AE26

1491. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED THREATENED STATUS FOR NEWCOMB'S SNAIL FROM THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory.
In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

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Long-Term Actions

Abstract: The Service proposes threatened status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, for Newcomb's snail. This freshwater snail is restricted to the Hawaiian Island of Kauai. The known historic distribution of this snail has greatly decreased and extant populations are presently limited to restricted habitats on five perennial streams on State land. The five known populations of this snail and its habitat are currently threatened by predation by a species of non-native predatory snail and two species of non-native marsh flies. These populations are also subject to an increased likelihood of extirpation from naturally occurring events, including natural disasters such as hurricanes and landslides. All populations of this species occur on State-owned lands.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/21/97	62 FR 38953
NPRM Comment Period End	09/19/97	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	11/12/97	62 FR 60676
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE27

1492. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST KLAMATH RIVER POPULATION SEGMENT OF BULL TROUT AS ENDANGERED AND COLUMBIA RIVER POPULATION SEGMENT AS THREATENED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list the Klamath River population segment

of bull trout (members of the char subgroup in the salmon family) as endangered from south-central Oregon and the Columbia River population segment of bull trout as threatened from the northwestern United States and British Columbia, Canada, with a special rule pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The Klamath River population segment, comprised of seven bull trout populations from south-central Oregon, is threatened by habitat degradation, passage restrictions at dams, and competition from non-native lake and brook trout. The special rule allows for take of bull trout within the Columbia River population segment if in accordance with applicable State fish and wildlife conservation laws and regulations. Pursuant to a court order, this rule is based on the 1994 administrative record. All available information, including current data, will be considered prior to promulgation of a final rule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/13/97	62 FR 32268
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	08/05/97	62 FR 42092
NPRM Comment Period End	08/12/97	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE29

1493. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR THE PLANT KECK'S SIDALCEA FROM TULARE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list *Sidalcea keckii* (Keck's sidalcea) as endangered pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973. This annual herb (belonging to the mallow family) is threatened by urban development, agricultural land conversion, and random events. The species (found on sparsely vegetated slopes of serpentine-derived clay in annual grasslands) is known only from one population in the south-central Tulare County on private land and is not in an approved habitat conservation plan. The likelihood of any Federal involvement is small, however, the Bureau of Reclamation's renewal of the Central Valley Project firant water contracts may affect the species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/28/97	62 FR 40325
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	09/24/97	62 FR 49954
NPRM Comment Period End	09/26/97	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	01/22/98	63 FR 3301
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE30

1494. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED RULE TO LIST THE ILLINOIS CAVE AMPHIPOD AS ENDANGERED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: The Service proposes endangered status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 for the Illinois cave amphipod, *Gammarus acherondytes*. Historically, the amphipod was known from six cave

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streams in Monroe and St. Clair counties, Illinois. Recent surveys have found the species at only three of the original six sites. The species is believed to be threatened primarily by groundwater pollution which is likely due to the application of pesticides in cave stream recharge areas. A possible secondary threat is contamination of subsurface water by human and animal wastes from sewage and septic systems and livestock feedlots. The Monroe-Randolph Bi-County Health Department supports listing this species as a means of justifying greater protection for groundwater in the Karst area. Also the Natural Heritage Division of the Illinois Department of Conservation supports Federal listing of this species. It is currently a State-listed endangered species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/28/97	62 FR 40319
NPRM Comment Period End	09/26/97	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE31

1495. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR PLANT IN WENATCHEE MOUNTAINS OF WASHINGTON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory. In accordance with 16 USC 1533, the Service must take action (list, withdraw, or extend the rulemaking for 6 months) on a proposed listing no later than 1 year after such proposal.

Abstract: The Service proposes endangered species status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 for the Wenatchee Mountains checker-mallow (*Sidalcea oregana* var *calva*). This plant is endemic to meadows that have surface water on saturated soil in

the spring and early summer at middle elevations in the Wenatchee Mountains of Chelan county, Washington. Although five populations of this plant are known, three of these have very few individuals. The estimated total number of plants is about 3,300. The primary threats to this plant include alterations of hydrology, rural residential development and associated activities, competition from native and alien plants, recreation, fire suppression and activities associated with fire suppression. To a lesser extent, the taxon is threatened by livestock grazing, road construction and timber harvesting and associated impacts including changes in surface-runoff in the small watersheds in which the plant occurs. This proposal, if made final, would implement the Federal protection and recovery programs of the Act for this plant.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/01/97	62 FR 41328
NPRM Comment Period End	09/30/97	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE32

1496. INJURIOUS WILDLIFE; ADDITION OF BRUSH-TAILED POSSUM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 42

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 16

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to review the economic and biological information on the brush-tailed possum of genus *Trichosurus* for possible addition to the list of injurious wildlife under the Lacey Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	01/24/96	61 FR 1893
ANPRM Comment Period End	03/25/96	
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Hannibal Bolton, Chief, Fish and Wildlife Management, Assistance, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 840 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 703 358-1718

RIN: 1018-AE34

1497. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS - PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR TWO CAVE ANIMALS FROM HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes endangered status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 for two animals, the Kauai Cave Wolf Spider and the Kauai Cave Amphipod. These two species are found on the Hawaiian Island of Kauai. The Kauai Cave Wolf Spider is known from two populations and the Kauai Cave Amphipod is known from four populations. These animals and their habitats have been variously affected or are currently threatened by the following: habitat degradation/loss from development; competition for space, water, and nutrients by naturalized introduced animals; biological/chemical pesticide use; and an increased likelihood of extinction from proposed development activities and naturally occurring events. This proposal, if made final, would extend Federal protection and recovery provisions of the Act for these animal taxa. Additionally, Hawaii state regulations protecting these animals would be triggered. All populations of these species occur on privately owned lands.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/05/97	62 FR 64340
NPRM Comment Period End	02/03/98	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species,

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RIN: 1018-AE39

1498. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS - PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR 2 SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY MAMMALS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list the Riparian Brush Rabbit and pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The Brush Rabbit and Woodrat inhabit Riparian communities along the lower portions of the San Joaquin and Stanislaus Rivers (within Caswell State Park) in the Northern San Joaquin Valley, California. Only a single remaining population of each species has been confirmed. Potential threats to these species include flooding, wildlife, predation, and other factors.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/21/97	62 FR 62276
Interim Final Rule	01/20/98	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE40

1499. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR PLANT ROUGH POPCORNFLOWER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list the plant rough popcornflower as an

endangered species under the authority contained in the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. This species is restricted to wet swales and meadows in Douglas County, Oregon, where only 10 occurrences are known. Most populations are small with few individuals. The total estimated number of plants is 3,000 within a combined area of about 10 acres (most on private land). Threats to this species include destruction and/or alteration of habitat by development and hydrological changes (e.g., wetland fills, draining, construction); spring and summer grazing by domestic cattle, horses, and sheep; roadside maintenance; and competition from native and alien plant species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/20/97	62 FR 61953
NPRM Comment	01/20/98	
Period End		
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE44

1500. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED REVISION OF SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR GRAY WOLF

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On November 22, 1994, the Service published special rules to establish nonessential experimental populations of gray wolves in Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho. The nonessential experimental population areas include all of WY, most of ID, and much of central and southern MT. This proposed revision is to amend a section of the special regulations so that it clearly applies within the Yellowstone nonessential experimental population area and the central ID nonessential experimental

population area as described in 7(ii). Ongoing litigation requires the clarification of the Service's need and authority to remove these animals from the area through live capture or lethal means in the interest of attaining gray wolf recovery goals. This proposed change will not affect any of the assumptions and earlier analysis made in the environmental impact statement or other portions of the special rules.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/11/97	62 FR 65237
NPRM Comment	01/12/98	
Period End		
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE45

1501. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED EMERGENCY RULE ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL MANATEE IN KINGS BAY CRYSTAL RIVER, FL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to establish an additional West Indian manatee sanctuary (less than 1/4 acre in size) in Citrus County, FL, adjacent to Kings Bay/Crystal River at the confluence of the Three Sisters Spring Run with residential canal, and prohibits all waterborne activities from November 15 through March 31 each year. This action will help prevent the taking of manatees by harassment resulting from waterborne activities during the winter months.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/26/97	62 FR 63062
NPRM Comment	01/26/98	
Period End		
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

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Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE47

1502. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR CATESBAEA MELANOCARPA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to determine catesbaea melanocarpa (no common name) to be an endangered species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Catesbaea melanocarpa (branching shrub) is known from Puerto Rico, St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Barbuda, Antigua, and Guadeloupe. In Puerto Rico, it is currently known from only one location in Cabo Rojo, and in the U.S. Virgin Islands it is known from one location near Christiansted, St. Croix. Both populations are located on privately owned land subject to intense pressure for development for residential tourism and industrial purposes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/16/97	62 FR 65783
NPRM Comment Period End	02/17/98	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE48

1503. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED THREATENED STATUS FOR PLANT HOWELL'S SPECTACULAR THELYPODY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list Howell's spectacular thelypod as threatened pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. This plant is known from 11 sites in Baker and Union Counties, OR, all on privately-owned land. This taxon is threatened by a variety of factors including habitat destruction and fragmentation from agricultural and urban development, grazing by domestic livestock, competition from non-native vegetation, and alterations of wetland hydrology.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/13/98	63 FR 1948
Extend Comment Period to 04/20/98	03/05/98	63 FR 10817
NPRM Comment Period End	03/16/98	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE52

1504. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; LIST PLANT ZAPATA BLADDERPOD AS ENDANGERED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list the plant Zapata bladderpod as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. It is known from 4 locations in Zapata and Starr Counties, Texas

(private land, highway right-of-way, and NWR land). This species is threatened by increased urban development, highway construction, increased oil and gas activities, alteration and conversion of native plant communities to improved pastures, overgrazing, and potential vulnerability from lowered genetic diversity due to presently low population numbers.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/22/98	63 FR 3301
NPRM Comment Period End	03/23/98	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE54

1505. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; DETERMINATION OF THE PECOS PUFFISH TO BE ENDANGERED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list the pecos pupfish as an endangered species under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The historical range of the pecos pupfish included the mainstream Pecos River from the vicinity of Roswell, Chaves County, New Mexico, downstream to the vicinity of Sheffield, Pecos County, Texas, and included various lakes, gypsum sinkholes, saline springs, and tributaries associated with the river. The primary reason for the rapid range reduction is hybridization with and/or replacement by the sheepshead minnow, a nonnative species introduced into the Pecos River between 1980 and 1984.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/30/98	63 FR 4608

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Action	Date	FR Cite
Extend Comment Period to 11/20/98	03/27/98	63 FR 14892
NPRM Comment Period End	03/31/98	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE56

1506. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; LIST DESERT MILK VETCH AS THREATENED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list desert milk-vetch, a low-growing herbaceous plant in the bean family with white flowers and compound leaves, as threatened. This species is restricted to a sandstone outcropping near the town of Birdeye, Utah County, UT. It is threatened by cattle grazing and trampling, residential development and low numbers.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/28/98	63 FR 4207
NPRM Comment Period End	03/30/98	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE57

1507. • SEASONAL CLOSURE OF THE MOOSE RANGE MEADOWS PUBLIC ACCESS EASEMENTS IN THE KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 460k et seq; 16 USC 668dd et seq; 16 USC 742a et seq; 16 USC 3101 et seq; 44 USC 3501 et seq; PL 105-57

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 36

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to restrict public access and use of public easements in the Moose Range Meadows area within the boundary of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). Public access and use will be prohibited on the Service-managed easements from July 1 through August 15 annually. The seasonal closure will be in effect on the 25-foot wide streamside easements on both banks of the Kenai River, and on the 25-foot wide access easements running from Funny River Road and Keystone Drive to the downstream ends of the stream side easements on the south and north banks of the river, respectively.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/18/98	63 FR 13158
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE58

1508. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED GENTNER'S FRITILARIA (MISSION BELLS)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened Gentner's fritillaria (missionbells). This species is

known from Josephine and Jackson Counties, Oregon. Threats include housing development, succession, logging and collection.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/23/98	63 FR 13819
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE75

1509. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED MARIANA FRUIT BAT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened the Mariana fruit bat (*Pteropus mariannus mariannus*). This species is known from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan, Tinian, and Agiguan Islands. Threats include deforestation, overhunting, poaching, and snake predation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/26/98	63 FR 14641
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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1510. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES; PROPOSED RULE TO LIST NORTHERN IDAHO GROUND SQUIRREL AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened the Northern Idaho ground squirrel (*Spermophilus brunneus brunneus*). This species is known from Adams County, ID. Threats include agricultural land conversion, meadow invasion of conifers, grazing by domestic livestock, off-road and on-road vehicle use, campground expansion and recreational shooting.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/23/98	63 FR 13825
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1018-AE84**1511. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS, PROPOSAL TO LIST DEVIL'S RIVER MINNOW AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened Devil's River minnow (*Dionda diaboli*). This species is known from Val Verde County, TX. Threats include habitat loss from inundation at Amistad Reservoir and reduced instream flow caused by diversions or drought.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/27/98	63 FR 14885
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 452 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1018-AE86**1512. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED RULE TO LIST COLORADO BUTTERFLY PLANT AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** NPRM, Judicial, April 1, 1998.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened the Colorado butterfly plant (*Gaura neoexicana* ssp. *coloradensis*). This species is known from Laramie County, WY and northern Weld County, CO. Threats include herbicide application for noxious weeds and natural succession/competition from shrubs, forbs and introduced weeds.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/24/98	63 FR 14060
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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1513. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING: REVISED TEST PROTOCOL FOR NONTXIC APPROVAL PROCEDURES FOR SHOT AND SHOT COATINGS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 20**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/01/97	62 FR 63608
Final Action Effective	12/31/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1018-AB80**1514. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THE PECOS PUPFISH****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Not Prudent at This Time	02/05/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State

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RIN: 1018-AC18**1515. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: TWO CALIFORNIA BUTTERFLIES AND A SNAKE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/05/97	62 FR 64306
Final Action Effective	12/05/97	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State

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1516. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: SEVEN FRESHWATER MUSSELS FROM ALABAMA, FLORIDA, AND GEORGIA**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/16/98	63 FR 12664
Final Action Effective	04/15/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AC63**1517. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND MIGRATORY BIRD PERMITS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 20; 50 CFR 21**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	01/27/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Thomas L. Striegler
Phone: 703 358-1949**RIN:** 1018-AC69**1518. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN POPULATIONS OF THE BOG TURTLE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/04/97	62 FR 59605
Final Action Effective	11/04/97	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AD05**1519. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: BROTHER'S ISLAND TUATARA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/07/98	63 FR 692
Final Action Effective	02/01/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** Charlie Dane
Phone: 703 358-1708**RIN:** 1018-AD06**1520. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: REINTRODUCTION OF A NONESSENTIAL EXPERIMENTAL POPULATION OF MEXICAN WOLVES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/12/98	63 FR 1752
Final Action Effective	01/29/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AD07**1521. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: U.S. POPULATIONS OF ATLANTIC SALMON****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	12/18/97	62 FR 66325

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AD12**1522. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: TWO SAN FRANCISCO MARSH PLANTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/20/97	62 FR 61916
Final Action Effective	12/22/97	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AD14**1523. ENDANGERED SPECIES LISTING: THREE AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES IN COMAL AND HAYS COUNTIES, TEXAS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/18/97	62 FR 66295
Final Action Effective	01/20/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AD28**1524. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: NINE PLANTS FROM CALIFORNIA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/22/97	62 FR 54791
Final Action Effective	11/21/97	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AD36**1525. PROPOSED DEPREDAATION ORDER FOR THE DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 21

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Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/04/98	63 FR 10550
Final Action Effective	03/04/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE11

1526. ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONDUCT ON MIDWAY ATOLL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 26

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/10/98	63 FR 11624
Final Action Effective	03/10/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1527. • LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE TO STATES; POST-COMPLETION COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 4601-4

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 59

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This amendment to 36 CFR 59 modifies Land and Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF) post-completion requirements by: (1) clarifying the "State" planning prerequisite for conversion approval, (2) allowing the recipient of an L&WCF grant to use non-recreation land it currently owns, or non-recreation land that is transferred from one public agency to another without payment, to satisfy the replacement requirement when land acquired with L&WCF assistance is proposed for conversion to other than public outdoor recreation uses assuming all other eligibility criteria are met, (3) eliminating the requirement that NPS be notified of all instances of obsolescence and facility use changes, and (4) establishing standards for resolving premature conversions to ensure their timely resolution.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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1528. NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT REGULATIONS FUTURE APPLICABILITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 3001

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 10.13

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed rule relates to one section of regulations implementing NAGPRA. This section outlines procedures for the future applicability of NAGPRA to museums and Federal agencies.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Dr. Francis P. McManamon, Departmental Consulting Archaeologist, Department of the Interior, National Park Service
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RIN: 1024-AC57

1529. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SYMBOLS: UNITED STATES PARK POLICE INSIGNIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 11

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The rule will recognize an official United States Park Police insignia, provide for its future protection and prevent the unauthorized use of the insignia. The rule proposes to amend sections regarding authorized use and protection of the arrowhead symbol, add a section regarding the use and protection of the Park Ranger badge, and delete reference to the "Parkscape Symbol."

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1530. DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE, SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 462(k); 16 USC 3101 et seq

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 13.63

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed rule will change out-of-date references to Mount McKinley National Park to Denali National Park. It will also consolidate in the special regulations existing designations closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions regarding vehicle use, vehicle traffic, oversize vehicles, snowmachines and public health, safety, and resource protection postings and closures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/98	
NPRM Comment	07/00/98	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Russ Wilson, Alaska Desk Officer, Department of the Interior, National Park Service
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RIN: 1024-AC58

1531. HYDROELECTRIC POWER PROJECTS IN THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 9a; 16 USC 791a et seq; 16 USC 797c

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 19

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The rule will implement section 2402 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (16 USC 797c). The rule will establish the procedure for the Director to follow in determining whether a new hydroelectric project located within the boundaries of any unit of the National Park System would have a direct adverse effect on Federal lands within that unit and the procedures for applicants to follow when filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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1532. APPLICABILITY AND RESOURCE PROTECTION REVISIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 9a; 16 USC 462

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 2

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: A major revision of 36 CFR part 2 was completed in 1983. This current review is to address clarification of the applicability of these regulations in National Park Service areas, and to update existing resource protection and visitor use regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	
NPRM Comment	08/00/98	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1533. • PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 3

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will provide a process for authorizing the use of personal watercraft in units of the NPS through area designations by the Superintendent using the criteria, procedures, and standards adopted by this rule. This rule will enable the NPS to better manage the burgeoning use of personal watercraft in units of the NPS.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1534. • KALOKO-HONOKOHOU NAT'L HISTORIC PARK, PUBLIC NUDITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 9a; 16 USC 460(g); 16 USC 462(k)

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 7.87

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will prohibit public nudity within the boundaries of Kaloko-Honokohou National Historic Park, Hawaii. The existing practice of recreational public nudity is in conflict with the enabling legislation of the Park (16 U.S.C. 396d) and the traditional values of native Hawaiian culture which the Park was created to perpetuate and preserve.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1535. NON-FEDERAL OIL AND GAS RIGHTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 230a; 16 USC 450kk; 16 USC 459d-3; 16 USC 459h-3; 16 USC 460ee; 16 USC 460cc-2(i); 16 USC 460m; 16 USC 698c; 16 USC 698f; 16 USC 3101; 18 USC 3571; 18 USC 3581; 43 USC 600d

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 9

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will update existing regulations that were promulgated in 1978 to make them consistent with existing laws, policies, and practices and will improve their clarity and workability. The rule will implement Congressional mandates for park resource protection contained in the Big Cypress National Preserve Act of 1988. The rule will strengthen the ability of the NPS to protect the natural, cultural, and historic resources of system units from non-Federal oil and gas and geothermal operations within park boundaries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Carol McCoy, Chief, Policy and Regulations Section, Mining and Minerals Branch, Department of the Interior, National Park Service
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1536. NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT REGULATIONS; CIVIL PENALTIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 3001

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 10

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed rule details procedures for assessing civil penalties upon institutions receiving Federal funds that fail to comply with applicable provisions of the Act and implementing regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/13/97	62 FR 1820
Final Action	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Dr. Francis P. McManamon, Departmental Consulting Archaeologist, Department of the Interior, National Park Service
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RIN: 1024-AC48

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed regulations would allow several exemptions for specific commercial fishing activities in Glacier Bay National Park's marine waters from the existing Nationwide National Park Service prohibition on such activities. Some commercial fishing activities would cease at the end of their exemption period.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/05/91	56 FR 37262
NPRM Comment Period End	11/03/91	56 FR 46589
Reproposal	04/16/97	62 FR 18547
Comment Period End	10/15/97	
Final Action	09/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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longer meet the needs of the Service or of rights-of-way applicants. Final regulations need to be developed through a revision of part 14.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/01/97	62 FR 63488
NPRM Comment Period End	01/30/98	
Final Action	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Dick Young, Park Ranger, Department of the Interior, National Park Service
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1539. PROCEDURES FOR STATE, TRIBAL, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAMS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 470 et seq

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 61

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The National Park Service proposes to revise the requirements for State and local historic preservation programs as well as the way the NPS administers these programs. The proposed changes are intended to provide more flexibility in (1) State historic preservation office staffing; (2) State Historic Preservation Review Board membership and operations; and

1537. GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK, ALASKA FISHING REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 3101 et seq

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 13.65

1538. RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 3; 16 USC 5; 16 USC 79

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 14

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The regulations for rights-of-way found at 36 CFR part 14 subparts A to H were promulgated as interim regulations in 1980. The regulations no

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(3) carrying out State Historic Preservation Officer responsibilities. The revision streamlines the process for certification of local governments to participate officially in the national historic preservation program. This proposed revision also officially recognizes the growing role of tribal historic preservation programs. Some of the changes are necessary because of the 1992 amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/02/96	61 FR 51536
NPRM Comment Period End	12/02/96	
Final Action	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

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1540. NATIONAL NATURAL LANDMARKS PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 461 et seq

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 62

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed rulemaking will amend the current regulations for the National Natural Landmarks Program. Proposed changes include strengthening and clarifying provisions for landowner notification, adding requirements for voluntary landowner consent for natural landmark designation, and providing for review of natural landmark nominations by the National Park System Advisory Board.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	10/29/90	55 FR 43384
NPRM	11/21/91	56 FR 58790
NPRM Comment Period End	02/19/92	
Final Action	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1541. • APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL - SNOWMOBILES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 9a; 16 USC 460(l); 16 USC 462 (k)

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 7.100

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will designate trail crossings of snowmobile trails at three locations along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. These trail crossings are part of a State approved network of snowmobile routes that exist on adjacent State lands. These crossings existed prior to the NPS assuming management of the National Scenic Trail. Designating these crossings fulfills assurances made by the NPS at the time of land acquisition that establishment of the permanent linear trail corridor would not sever established snowmobile routes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/19/98	63 FR 13383
NPRM Comment Period End	05/18/98	
Final Action	11/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1542. GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK AND JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR. MEMORIAL PARKWAY: SNOWMOBILE AND SNOWPLANE ROUTES AND REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 9a

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 7.22

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The National Park Service proposes to change the special regulations relating to the use of and designated routes for snowmobiles and snowplanes within Grand Teton National Park and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway. The proposed rule will define more clearly the use of snowmobiles, snowplanes, and designated routes. This rule can eliminate the use of snowmobiles in the Potholes-Baseline Flats area at the discretion of the Superintendent and establish special regulations allowing snowmobile use on the Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail. The proposed rule will also establish a requirement for operators of snowmobiles within Grand Teton National Park to have a valid driver's license or learner's permit.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/25/95	60 FR 54633
NPRM Comment Period End	12/26/95	
Final Action	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1543. VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK: AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 9a

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 7.33

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed rulemaking amends the current special regulations for Voyageurs National Park by adding a section designating areas open to aircraft use within the Park. This addition is necessary because National Park Service general regulations require such special regulatory designations for areas in parks open to the operation or use of aircraft. The intended effects are to increase safety, protect resources,

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and provide appropriate enjoyment to park users.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/02/95	60 FR 39257
NPRM	01/31/96	61 FR 3360
NPRM Comment Period End	09/05/96	61 FR 20775
Final Action	09/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1544. DELAWARE WATER GAP NRA, BICYCLE TRAIL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 9a; 16 USC 460(g); 16 USC 462(k)

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 7.71

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will designate certain routes within a nondeveloped area of Delaware Water Gap NRA as open to bicycle use, and will regulate their use in this area.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/13/97	62 FR 60815
NPRM Comment Period End	01/12/98	
Final Action	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1545. BIG CYPRESS NATIONAL PRESERVE; RECREATIONAL FROGGING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 9a

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 7.86

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will allow the recreational, non-commercial taking of the pig frog (*Rana grylio*) in the Preserve. The rule will designate seasons, times, locations, methods, and means of taking, and establish harvest limits and permit requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/22/96	61 FR 59393
NPRM Comment Period End	01/21/97	
Final Action	09/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1546. SAFETY BELTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 4.15

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/19/97	62 FR 61631

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1547. SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK: BACKCOUNTRY AND FISHING REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 7.15

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/19/98	63 FR 13341
Final Action Effective	04/20/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1548. OFF-ROAD OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 7.67

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/24/98	62 FR 9143

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1549. NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION; KENNEDY CENTER AND DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 7.96

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/13/97	62 FR 32201

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Proposed Rule Stage**1550. LOANS TO INDIANS FROM THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Major:** Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 25 USC 1469**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 101**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The direct loan program is being eliminated. We will eliminate most of 25 CFR 101 and will rewrite the rest.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Woody Sneed, Financial Analyst, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Phone: 202 208-4796**RIN:** 1076-AD59**1551. LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Legal Authority:** 25 USC 1451**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 103**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The rule for the guaranteed loan program is being rewritten in plain English as part of the President's regulatory reform initiative.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Woody Sneed, Financial Analyst, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Phone: 202 208-4796**RIN:** 1076-AD73**1552. MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST ON INDIVIDUALLY OWNED TRUST LAND OR LAND SUBJECT TO A RESTRICTION ON ALIENATION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Legal Authority:** 25 USC 483a**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 152**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** Indians may mortgage or give deeds of trust to their restricted land with approval of the Secretary of the Interior. The regulation will state the conditions under which approval will be given.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Woodrow B. Sneed, Financial Analyst, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Phone: 202 208-4796**RIN:** 1076-AD85**1553. LEASING RESTRICTED LANDS OF MEMBERS OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OKLAHOMA, FOR MINING****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Legal Authority:** 25 USC 356**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 213**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** BIA is revising this rule to ensure consistency with existing law and to improve operating procedures. Issues to be addressed include authority to lease inherited restricted land, processing lease payments through the Minerals Management Service, and the approval process for division orders.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Charles Robertson, Realty Officer Muskogee Area Office, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Phone: 918 687-2324**RIN:** 1076-AD33**1554. EXPLORATION, MINING, AND RECLAMATION OF LANDS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Legal Authority:** 25 USC 355; 25 USC 396; 25 USC 473; 25 USC 501; 25 USC 396; 5 USC 301**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 216**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will update part 216 to incorporate changes in regulations as well as the mining industry. It will bring the bureau into conformance with the standards of the Bureau of Land Management and the Office of Surface Mining and will protect the Indian mineral owners by giving them no less protection than what is given to Federal lands. Indian mineral owners will be protected through the regulation of exploration for minerals by adequate measures that avoid, minimize, or correct damage to the environment, land, water, and the public safety.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Pete Aguilar, Geologist, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Phone: 303 969-5270**RIN:** 1076-AD36**1555. EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR ADULT INDIANS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Legal Authority:** 25 USC 13**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 26**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The rule for BIA's employment assistance program for adult Indians is being rewritten in plain English as part of the President's regulatory reform initiative.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1076-AD75

1556. ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.
Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 309; PL 88-230

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 27

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The rule for BIA's adult vocational training program is being rewritten in plain English as part of the President's regulatory reform initiative

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076-AD72

1557. EDUCATION CONTRACTS UNDER THE JOHNSON-O'MALLEY ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.
Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 455 to 457

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 273

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The rule will include guidelines and responsibilities related to agreements under the provisions of the Indian Self Determination Act Amendments of 1994. The new provisions will reduce the burden of reporting requirements by the tribes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	
NPRM Comment	07/00/98	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Garry R. Martin, Education Specialist, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
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RIN: 1076-AD58

1558. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: PL 104-4

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 277

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule is being eliminated because the program it governs has never been funded.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	
NPRM Comment	09/00/98	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Joann Sebastian Morris, Office of Indian Education Programs, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
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RIN: 1076-AD69

1559. ACADEMIC AND DORMITORY STANDARDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.
Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 2001; 25 USC 2002; 25 USC 2003; PL 95-561; 5 USC 301; 25 USC 2; 25 USC 9

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 36

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will eliminate subparts A through G of 25 CFR 36. Of 189 Bureau schools, 179 have adopted State or regional academic standards. BIA will assist the remaining schools to achieve State or regional accreditation. This will render the rules in subparts A through G obsolete.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: James C. Martin, Division Chief, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
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RIN: 1076-AD55

1560. INDIAN SCHOOL EQUALIZATION PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.
Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 13; 25 USC 2008

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 39

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will change the definitions of some disabling conditions so that they are consistent with Department of Education definitions of some disabling conditions and adjust the way schools are reimbursed for student transportation services.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	
NPRM Comment	07/00/98	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Rod Young, Chief, Branch of Administrative Services, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
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RIN: 1076-AD09

1561. ADMINISTRATION OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 13; PL 67-85

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 40

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will revise established policies and provide uniform procedures to govern the higher education program administered under the authority of 25 USC 13. This rule applies only to educational grants; Bureau educational loans are governed by 25 CFR part 91. This part has been redesignated from 25 CFR part 32.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Public Consultation	01/23/91	

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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/19/97	62 FR 7395
NPRM	04/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 1076-AA10

1562. GRANTS TO TRIBALLY CONTROLLED COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND NAVAJO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 1801 to 1852; 25 USC 640; 25 USC 1831

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 41

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule applies to the provision of financial assistance technical assistance, and endowments to tribal colleges and Navajo Community College and will strengthen requirements relating to: (1) Criteria for satisfactory programs; (2) counting Indian students; (3) developing planning grants; (5) forward funding; (6) renovation and construction of facilities; and (7) preparing construction feasibility reports.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/01/97	62 FR 15446
NPRM Comment Period End	06/02/98	
Final Action	12/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Garry R. Martin, Education Specialist, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
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RIN: 1076-AD08

1563. CERTIFICATES OF DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 25 USC 9; 25 USC 13

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 70

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule establishes procedures for processing certificates of degree of Indian blood.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

Agency Contact: Bettie Rushing, Office of Tribal Services, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
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RIN: 1076-AD78

1564. TRIBAL REORGANIZATION UNDER A FEDERAL STATUTE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 473a; 25 USC 476; 25 USC 477; 25 USC 503

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 81

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule contains uniform procedures for conducting Secretarial elections for voting on proposed constitutions when tribes wish to reorganize, adopt constitutional amendments, ratify and amend

charters, or revoke existing constitutions. This revision will incorporate changes to comply with Public Law 100-581.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Delores Springer, Office of Tribal Services, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
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RIN: 1076-AD46

1565. PETITIONING PROCEDURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 25 USC 2; 25 USC 9; 25 USC 473a; 25 USC 476; 25 USC 477; 25 USC 503

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 82

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule contains procedures for submitting petitions that request the Secretary to call elections to amend tribal constitutions, issue charters, and other actions. The revision will allow the petitioners' spokesman to make technical changes to petitions in consultation with the Bureau and to change the petition format.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076-AD47

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1566. TRIBAL REVENUE ALLOCATION PLANS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 25 USC 13

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 1

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Notifies the public of how tribal revenues are allocated.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/07/96	61 FR 29044
NPRM Comment Period End	08/06/96	

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Final Action 06/00/98
Final Action Effective 07/00/98

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076-AD74

1567. TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: PL 103-413

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 1000

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will clarify how the Department and tribes will carry out their respective responsibilities under the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994. At the request of a majority of Indian tribes with self-governance agreements, the Secretary has established a negotiated rulemaking committee to negotiate and promulgate such regulations as are necessary to carry out the Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Intent to Establish a Negotiated Rulemaking Committee	02/15/95	60 FR 8806
NPRM	02/12/98	63 FR 7202
Final Action	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 1076-AD20

1568. COURTS OF INDIAN OFFENSES

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 25 USC 2; 25 USC 9; 25 USC 13; 25 USC 200

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 11

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will add offenses and clarify the authority of Courts of Indian Offenses.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/05/96	61 FR 35158
NPRM Comment Period End	09/04/96	
Final Action	06/00/98	
Final Action Effective	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Bettie Rushing, Office of Tribal Services, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
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RIN: 1076-AD76

1569. • CORRECTION OF CODIFICATION ERRORS IN 25 CFR

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 553

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 11; 25 CFR 256; 25 CFR 700; 25 CFR 11; 25 CFR 151; 25 CFR 160; 25 CFR 140

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We are publishing this rule at the request of the Office of the Federal Register. The rule corrects technical errors at various locations in 25 CFR. The errors we are correcting include incorrect cross references and incorrect paragraph designations. None of the corrections will affect the substance of the rules in 25 CFR.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076-AD88

1570. NAVAJO PARTITIONED LANDS GRAZING REGULATIONS

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 640(d)

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 161

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations are necessary for implementation of the livestock and grazing control provisions of 25 USC 640(d). In 1982 the Federal District Court for Arizona abolished 25 CFR 153 Grazing Regulation for the Joint Use Administrative Area and ordered the Secretary to promulgate new regulations for the control of grazing and livestock for the former Joint Use Administrative Area. Due to a lack of tribal concurrence regulations were not promulgated for lands partitioned to the Navajo Tribe. Navajo tribal concurrence has been recently obtained; therefore, the BIA needs to move forward with publication of these regulations. Any cost associated with the implementation of these regulations will be assumed within the BIA annual budget. Cost associated with compliance of the provisions of these regulations will be borne by the Navajo Tribe or its members. There is no associated cost to the general public.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/01/95	60 FR 55506
NPRM Comment Period End	09/06/96	61 FR 29327
Final Action	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Mark Bradford, Chief, Branch of Agriculture and Range, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
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RIN: 1076-AC81

1571. LEASING AND PERMITTING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 395; 25 USC 402; 25 USC 403; 25 USC 466

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 162

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will reorganize the existing leasing and permitting rule into subparts and incorporate the provisions on range permits and leasing required by Public Law 103-177.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/17/96	61 FR 30560

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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	10/15/96	
Final Action	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Mark Bradford, Chief, Branch of Agriculture and Range, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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RIN: 1076-AA29

1572. RANGE REGULATIONS

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: PL 103-177

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 162; 25 CFR 166

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule implements the Education Trespass and Land Management portion of Public Law 103-177.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/03/96	61 FR 27824
NPRM Comment Period End	10/01/96	
Final Action	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Mark Bradford, Chief, Branch of Agriculture and Range, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Phone: 202 208-3598

RIN: 1076-AD04

1573. ROADS OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 47; 25 USC 318a; 23 USC 202; 23 USC 204

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 170

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Indian Affairs is proposing to revise 25 CFR part 170 to reflect the current Bureau of Indian Affairs and Federal Highway Administration policies for road systems on Indian reservations. This change is proposed to assure that funds are apportioned from the Highway

Trust Fund for construction projects on Indian reservations roads in accordance with the relative needs of the reservation, and to encourage tribal self-determination.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/24/94	59 FR 14030
NPRM Comment Period End	05/23/94	
Final Action	09/00/98	
Final Action Effective	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

Agency Contact: LeRoy Gishi, Chief, Division of Transportation, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Phone: 202 208-4359

RIN: 1076-AB05

1574. IRRIGATION PROJECTS AND SYSTEMS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 385

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 171

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule governs the operation and maintenance of BIA-owned irrigation projects. It is being revised as part of the President's reinvention initiative.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/05/96	61 FR 35167
NPRM Comment Period End	09/03/96	
Final Action	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Ross Mooney, Civil Engineer, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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RIN: 1076-AD44

1575. INDIAN ELECTRIC POWER UTILITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 385

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 175

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule contains procedures governing the operation of BIA-owned power utilities. It is being revised as part of the President's reinvention initiative.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/07/96	61 FR 29040
NPRM Comment Period End	08/06/96	
Final Action	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Ross Mooney, Civil Engineer, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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RIN: 1076-AD45

1576. APPEALS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 25 USC 2; 25 USC 9

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 2

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule changes the BIA delegations of authority and appeals process. The change will reduce burden on the tribes since there will be less confusion about how to file appeals and the processing of appeals within the Bureau. The revision will also clarify the rule and make it consistent with Bureau policy.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/21/96	61 FR 31875
NPRM Comment Period End	09/19/96	
Final Action	06/00/98	
Final Action Effective	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1076-AD50

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1577. ARRANGEMENT WITH STATES, TERRITORIES, OR OTHER AGENCIES FOR SOCIAL WELFARE AND RELIEF OF DISTRESS OF INDIANS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 454

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 21

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau is revising these regulations by rewriting them in plain English so that they will be more user friendly.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/01/96	61 FR 33876
Final Action	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

Agency Contact: Larry R. Blair, Chief, Division of Social Services, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
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RIN: 1076-AD61

1578. LEASING OSAGE RESERVATION LANDS FOR MINING OF MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL AND GAS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: PL 59-321

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 214

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This revision eliminates royalties for minerals not found within the Osage Mineral Estate and gives the Osage tribal Council authority for setting applicable royalty rates. This revision also replaces outmoded methods of exchange with modern methods and designates officials responsible for management of non-oil and gas minerals within the Osage Mineral Estate. The revisions will enhance the Department's management of the production of these minerals and eliminate inaccuracies in the current regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/08/96	61 FR 41365
NPRM Comment Period End	10/07/96	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/00/98	
Final Action Effective	11/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Gordon Jackson, Superintendent, Osage Agency, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
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RIN: 1076-AD34

1579. LEAD AND ZINC MINING OPERATIONS AND LEASES ON QUAPAW INDIAN LANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: PL 66-359; PL 75-39

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 215

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will update the procedures for leasing and discovery testing, processing, developing, and mining lead and zinc on lands under the jurisdiction of BIA's Miami Agency in Ottawa County, Oklahoma. The revisions will assist affected Indians with the efficient development of their lead and zinc deposits without waste, avoidable loss, or damage to their natural resources, the environment, or other resources. The rule will also retitle 25 CFR 215.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/27/96	61 FR 44019
NPRM Comment Period End	10/28/96	
Final Action	09/00/98	
Final Action Effective	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Dennis Sisco, Superintendent, Miami Agency, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
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RIN: 1076-AD35

1580. USE OF COLUMBIA RIVER FISH ACCESS SITES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: PL 100-581

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 247

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule contains procedures for permitting tribal use of fishing access sites on the Columbia River. These sites are required to allow tribes boat access to the river so that they may exercise their treaty fishing rights. The rule defines who may use the sites, permitted and prohibited activities, and health and safety standards. It also provides rules for using facilities located on the sites.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/28/97	62 FR 55767
Final Action	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Chuck James, Area Archeologist, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
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RIN: 1076-AD83

1581. • USE OF COLUMBIA RIVER IN-LIEU FISHING SITES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 248

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule contains procedures for permitting tribal use of in-lieu fishing sites on the Columbia River. These sites are owned by the Federal government and are necessary to allow boat access to the river so that Indian fishers can exercise their treaty fishing rights. The rule defines who may use the sites, permitted and prohibited activities, and health and safety standards. It also provides rules for using facilities on the site.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/28/97	62 FR 55767
Final Action	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076-AD86

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1582. HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 13

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 256

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This revision will simplify, streamline, and update the Bureau's housing program to make it more flexible and responsive to the needs of the tribes and the intended recipients of the benefits that the program provides.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/15/96	61 FR 36829
NPRM Comment Period End	09/13/96	
Final Action	04/00/98	
Final Action Effective	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 1076-AD52

1583. INDIAN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 1524

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 286

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Indian Business Development Program is being discontinued. Entities already having received grants must submit business financial statements. The rule is being rewritten in plain English to reflect this situation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/30/97	62 FR 4497
Final Action	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Woody Sneed, Financial Analyst, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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RIN: 1076-AD70

1584. • CLASS III GAMING PROCEDURES

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 13

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 291

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule establishes procedures that the Secretary of the Interior will use to promulgate rules for the conduct of Class III Indian gaming when a State and Indian tribe are unable to voluntarily agree to a compact; and the State has asserted its immunity from suit brought by an Indian tribe under 25 USC 2710(d)(7)(b).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/22/98	63 FR 3289
Final Action	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1076-AD87

1585. ADMINISTRATION OF THE INDIAN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 13

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 46

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These proposed regulations are designed to provide standardized administrative procedures for administering and operating Indian adult education programs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/30/87	52 FR 49172
NPRM Comment Period End	02/29/88	
Public consultation	01/23/91	
NPRM	08/25/94	59 FR 44016

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	01/31/95	
Final Action	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

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RIN: 1076-AA15

1586. PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 25 USC 479

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 5

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau is proposing to eliminate provisions relating to preference in employment because they expired on January 5, 1990.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/12/96	61 FR 36671
NPRM Comment Period End	09/10/96	
Final Action	08/00/98	
Final Action Effective	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

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RIN: 1076-AD05

1587. INDIAN TRIBAL JUSTICE SUPPORT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: PL 103-176; 5 USC 301; 25 USC 2; 25 USC 9; 25 USC 13; 25 USC 200; 25 USC 3601 et seq

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 92

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will establish a base funding formula for the distribution of appropriations under the Indian Tribal Justice Act. BIA will use this formula to determine the funding levels to be awarded to eligible Indian tribes for use in establishing or enhancing traditional or contemporary justice systems.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Tribal Consultation	06/20/95	
NPRM	07/30/96	61 FR 39607
NPRM Comment Period End	09/30/96	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/00/98	
Final Action Effective	12/00/98	
Small Entities Affected: None		
Government Levels Affected: Tribal		

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RIN: 1076–AD15

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Completed Actions

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

1588. INDIAN HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM COMPETITIVE GRANT SELECTION CRITERIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 181

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/24/97	62 FR 55331

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

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RIN: 1076–AD82

1589. MANAGEMENT OF THE TRIBAL ASSETS OF THE UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.
Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 217

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn No further action will be taken at this time.	02/02/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076–AD37

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Minerals Management Service (MMS)

1590. ACCOUNTING RELIEF FOR MARGINAL PROPERTIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1735

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 204

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule allows reporters to seek accounting, reporting, and auditing relief for their marginal properties in accordance with section 117(c) of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 as amended by the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 1010–AC30

1591. TAKES VS. ENTITLEMENTS REPORTING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1735

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 205

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule addresses reporting and payment requirements for production removed and sold from a Federal lease, unit participating area, or communitization agreement beginning September 1996.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	03/00/99	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 1010–AC29

1592. VALUATION OF OIL FROM FEDERAL MINERAL LEASES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 206

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would modify the valuation procedures for both arm's-length and non-arm's length crude oil transactions establish a new MMS form for collecting value differential data and amend the valuation procedures for the sale of Federal royalty oil. These changes would decrease reliance on oil posted prices and assign a value to crude oil that better reflects market value.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/20/95	60 FR 65610
ANPRM Comment Period End	03/19/96	
NPRM	01/24/97	62 FR 3742
Comment Period Extended	02/18/97	62 FR 7189

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NPRM Comment Period Extended to 02/24/97 62 FR 19966
 NPRM Comment Period End 03/25/97
 Supplemental NPRM Comment Period End 07/03/97 62 FR 36030
 Comment Period Extended 08/04/97
 Comment Period Extended 09/22/97 62 FR 49460
 Comment Period Extended 10/23/97 62 FR 49460
 Comment Period Extended 10/23/97 62 FR 55198
 Supplementary Proposed Rule 02/06/98 63 FR 6113
 Comment Period Extended 03/24/98 63 FR 14057
 NPRM Comment Period End 04/07/98
 Final Action 04/00/98
 Final Action Effective 07/00/98

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 1010-AC09

1593. ELECTRONIC REPORTING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 3101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701 et seq; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 210; 30 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would modify the requirements governing forms that MMS requires for reporting sales, royalties, and production information. The revisions will specify the media required for submission of reports and broaden the use of electronic commerce reporting.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC40

1594. CHRONIC ERRONEOUS REPORTING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 216; 30 CFR 218

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule eliminates assessments for late reporting and failure to report and modify incorrect assessments. The new rule will define what is considered a chronic erroneous reporter and applicable assessments. Penalties for failure to report are also addressed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/99	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 1010-AC34

1595. TRAINING LESSEE AND CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 133

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would require operators and lessees to ensure that their workers (including contractors) are properly trained and can demonstrate their proficiency to MMS. Operators and lessees will determine the type of training, teaching methods, training length, and frequency. MMS will develop appropriate performance measures and indicators. These measures may include: written testing; hands-on and simulator testing; audits, interviews, or cooperative reviews; and incidence of noncompliance for civil penalty and events data.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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1596. • REVIEWING EXPLORATION PLANS AND DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION PLANS FOR COASTAL ZONE CONSISTENCY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule proposes to amend provisions specifying how States will review exploration plans and development and production plans for coastal zone consistency.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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1597. • OIL AND GAS DRILLING OPERATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The rule will be written in plain English, substantive changes will be incorporated, and the rule will reflect the results of the blowout preventer study.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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1598. • REDESIGNATION OF 30 CFR PART 250

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will change the numbering of the entire part 250 - Oil and gas and Sulphur operations in the Outer Continental Shelf.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	
ANPRM Comment Period End	02/00/99	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC45

1599. • FILING FEES FOR REQUIRED RECORDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 256

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The rule will address administrative changes pertaining to the former Atlantic OCS region and will require filing fees for certain lease transfer documents.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC44

1600. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS PROCESS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 2; 25 USC 9; 30 USC 189; 30 USC 285; 30 USC 359; 30 USC 1023; 30 USC 1702 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1334; 43 USC 1335

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 290; 30 CFR 243; 30 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will eliminate the current regulations for MMS appeals and replace them with new regulations for appeals to the IBLA of actions taken by MMS officials. The rule will establish requirements for developing the administrative record, holding settlement consultations, paying a filing fee, and presenting arguments and documentation for use in deciding appeals.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/28/96	61 FR 55607
NPRM Comment Period End	03/27/97	
Reproposed NPRM	06/00/98	
Comment Period End	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC21

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1601. AMENDMENTS TO STANDARDS FOR REPORTING AND PAYING ROYALTIES ON GAS AND THE GAS ANALYSIS REPORT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 3716 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 202; 30 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: To make the Royalty Management Program's regulations consistent with proposed offshore regulations to require gas reporting at the standard conditions of 14.73 psia and adjusted to 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/03/97	62 FR 16121
NPRM Comment Period End	05/05/97	
Final Action	05/00/98	
Final Action Effective	05/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC23

1602. VALUATION OF GAS FROM INDIAN LEASES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 206

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The rule will amend the regulations governing the valuation of gas produced from Indian leases. The primary purpose of these amendments is to ensure that Indian mineral lessors receive maximum revenues from

mineral resources on their land consistent with the Department's trust responsibility and lease terms.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	08/04/94	59 FR 39712
NPRM	09/23/96	61 FR 49894
NPRM Comment Period End	04/04/97	62 FR 10247
Final Action	04/00/98	
Final Action Effective	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

Additional Information: This rule was developed using the negotiated rulemaking process which included representatives of MMS, Indian Tribes, States, and industry.

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RIN: 1010-AB57

1603. VALUATION OF OIL FROM INDIAN LEASES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 206

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would modify the regulations that establish royalty value for oil produced from Indian leases and create a new form for collecting value and value differential data. These changes would decrease reliance on oil posted prices and make Indian oil royalty valuation more consistent with the terms of Indian leases.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/20/95	60 FR 65610
ANPRM Comment Period End	03/19/96	
NPRM	02/12/98	63 FR 6113
NPRM Comment Period End	03/23/98	
Final Action	12/00/98	
Final Action Effective	02/00/99	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

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RIN: 1010-AC24

1604. REFUNDS AND RECOUPMENT OF OVERPAYMENTS ON OCS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 25 USC 181 et seq; 25 USC 351 et seq; 25 USC 1001 et seq; 25 USC 1701 et seq; 25 USC 1735; 25 USC 3716; 25 USC 3720a; 25 USC 9701; 25 USC 1301 et seq; 25 USC 1331 et seq; 25 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 206; 30 CFR 218; 30 CFR 230

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule allows MMS to pay interest on Federal onshore and offshore oil and gas royalty overpayments and makes interest charges more equitable between the payor and the recipient. Interest will be paid on overpayments related to royalty, rent, and estimates resulting from sales of Federal onshore and offshore oil and gas production.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC27

1605. ROYALTY PAYMENT LIABILITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 211

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Responsibilities of Minerals Management Service include the

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collection of royalties, bonuses, rentals, and related revenues from Federal and Indian mineral leases. These monies are, for the most part, collected from the current designated payor on the lease. However, if MMS is unable to collect from the current payor, it must pursue collections from a prior payor(s), the lessee, or an assignee of the lease. Existing regulations are unclear as to the responsibilities and liabilities of the parties involved. Therefore, MMS is amending its regulations to clarify payor, lessee, and assignee requirements and responsibilities for Indian mineral leases and Federal solid mineral and geothermal leases.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/13/94	59 FR 17504
NPRM	06/09/95	60 FR 30492
Comment Period Extended	08/30/95	60 FR 45112
Comment Period Extended	10/03/95	60 FR 56033
Final Action	03/00/99	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AB45

1606. SUSPENSION OF ORDERS OR DECISIONS PENDING APPEAL TO ALLOW FOR SELF-BONDING BASED UPON FINANCIAL SOLVENCY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 30 USC 1721 et seq; 30 USC 1735 et seq; 30 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 243

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act allows for self-bonding based upon financial solvency. Our proposed rule defines financial solvency and outlines the steps we will use to test for financial solvency.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/00/98	
Comment Period End	02/00/99	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 1010-AC28

1607. SEISMIC REASSESSMENT OF CALIFORNIA OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF PLATFORMS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250.145

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: MMS has been investigating the need for platform seismic reassessment guidelines since the Loma Prieta earthquake. This rule will require an operator to ascertain the safety of a platform before making major modifications or after damage to a primary member.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/10/97	62 FR 31538
NPRM Comment Period End	08/11/97	
Final Action	04/00/98	
Final Action Effective	05/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1608. POSTLEASE OPERATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1334

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250.1 to 250.29; 30 CFR 218.154; 30 CFR 256.1; 30 CFR 256.4; 30 CFR 256.55; 30 CFR 256.73

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule is a complete rewrite in plain English and changes the current regulation by both adding and deleting language. Although some of these changes could be considered significant when compared to the current regulations, they support the policies and procedures now in place. The proposed rule is revised to be as broad and general in scope as feasible.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/13/98	63 FR 7335
NPRM Comment Period End	05/13/98	
Final Action	03/00/99	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1609. BLOWOUT PREVENTER TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1334

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250.57

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule allows lessees up to 14 days between blowout preventer (BOP) pressure tests instead of the weekly tests currently required. MMS proposes this revision based upon a recently completed study of BOP performance. This study concluded that no statistical difference exists between 8- and 14-day intervals. MMS estimates that the revised testing time frame could save industry \$20 million to \$30 million per year without compromising safety.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/15/97	62 FR 37819
NPRM Comment Period End	09/15/97	
Final Action	04/00/98	
Final Action Effective	05/00/98	

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Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1610. PIPELINES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would implement the December 10, 1996, memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Department of the Interior and the Department of Transportation. The MOU provides for the two departments to jointly regulate Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Pipelines. MMS regulations would pertain to each OCS oil or gas pipeline located upstream of the point at which operating responsibility for

the pipeline transfers from a producing operator to a transporting operator.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/02/97	62 FR 51613
NPRM Comment Period End	12/01/97	
Final Action	06/00/98	
Final Action Effective	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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1611. OIL SPILL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OFFSHORE FACILITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 33 USC 2701

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 253

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule requires responsible parties of offshore oil and gas facilities to provide evidence of oil spill financial responsibility.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	08/25/93	58 FR 44797
ANPRM Comment Period End	02/25/94	
NPRM	03/25/97	62 FR 14052
NPRM Comment Period End	08/22/97	62 FR 24375
Final Action	04/00/98	
Final Action Effective	05/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Long-Term Actions

Minerals Management Service (MMS)

1612. PREPAYMENT OF ROYALTIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1735

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 204

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule allows payors to prepay royalty in lieu of monthly royalty payments for their marginal properties with approval from the affected States. It will establish the criteria used by payors, States, and MMS to calculate, report, and monitor royalty prepayments.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/99	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 1010-AC31

1613. CREDIT ADJUSTMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 218

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will limit adjustments on royalty payments and determine the use of administrative offset for certain collections. This rule was expanded to include post-Federal

Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 impacts on credit adjustments and administrative offsets after the initial proposed rule was published, so a new proposed rule will be issued.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/17/93	58 FR 43588
NPRM Comment Period End	11/01/93	58 FR 50301
NPRM	00/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)
Minerals Management Service (MMS)
Completed Actions
1614. ROYALTY RELIEF FOR OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LEASES IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 202; 30 CFR 206; 30 CFR 210; 30 CFR 216; 30 CFR 217; 30 CFR 218; 30 CFR 250.175; 30 CFR 256.32; 30 CFR 260

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/16/98	63 FR 2626

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1615. ALLOWANCES FOR TRANSPORTATION AND PROCESSING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH GAS VALUATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 206

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/16/97	62 FR 65753

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Tribal

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RIN: 1010-AC06

1616. GAS MEASUREMENT AND COMMINGLING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.
 Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250.181; 30 CFR 250.182; 30 CFR 250.184; 30 CFR 250.183; 30 CFR 250.180

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn Combined with RIN 1010-AC23.	02/02/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 1010-AB97

1617. OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION RATES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.
 Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn No further action will be taken at this time.	02/02/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC36

1618. GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 251

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/24/97	62 FR 67278

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC10

1619. DEEP WATER ROYALTY RELIEF—TRACTS OFFERED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 28 1995, AND NOVEMBER 28, 2000

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 260

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/16/98	63 FR 12022

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE)
Proposed Rule Stage
1620. INDIAN LANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.
 Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1201 et seq

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 200; 30 CFR 700

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend regulations to allow OSM to contract

to the Navajo and Hopi Tribes certain functions relating to permitting mine plan review, bonding, and other functions authorized by the Indian land provisions of SMCRA. The rule is being proposed pursuant to a settlement agreement.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/99	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

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RIN: 1029-AB83

DOI—OSMRE

Proposed Rule Stage

1621. APPLICANT/VIOLATOR SYSTEM PERMIT INFORMATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1201 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 701; 30 CFR 773; 30 CFR 774; 30 CFR 778; 30 CFR 843

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement proposes to establish new regulations and amend existing provisions to clarify the role of the Applicant/Violator System (AVS) in the permit application process; amend the definitions of ownership and control and of transfer, assignment or sale of permit rights; establish procedures for successor in interest; and revise requirements for information to be submitted as part of the permit application process.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/28/93	58 FR 34652
NPRM	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

Agency Contact: Stephen Sheffield, Chief, Division of Technical Support, Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
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RIN: 1029-AB62

1622. ENHANCING AML RECLAMATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1201 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 707

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend the definition of Government-financed construction in section 707. The definition concerns an exemption from the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act that is currently limited to construction funded with 50 percent or more by Government funds. This proposed change would have two impacts. It would create greater efficiency by allowing OSM to leverage limited Abandoned Mine Land Funds.

It would also provide a means to address the abandoned unreclaimed refuse piles. The rule would facilitate reclamation through a new cooperative effort using resources and financing from the private sector.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/04/97	62 FR 59639
NPRM	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 1029-AB89

1623. OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL—REDESIGN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1202 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 773; 30 CFR 778; 30 CFR 843

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would succeed the April 21, 1997, interim rule promulgated to comply with the January 31, 1997, decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals. It will further clarify the definition and application of "owned and controlled" and "owns or controls" in permitting and enforcement processes. In developing this rule, we will examine current permitting and enforcement issues that may be ripe for review in order to ensure continued effective implementation of section 520(c) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/26/97	62 FR 63044
NPRM	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1029-AB94

1624. ABANDONED COAL REFUSE SITES—TITLE I

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1201 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 785; 30 CFR 829; 30 CFR 830; 30 CFR 845; 30 CFR 870

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: OSM will propose new regulations governing permitting and performance standards for on-site processing of abandoned coal refuse piles and operations for removal of abandoned coal refuse piles. The rules are required to implement section 2503(e) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1029-AB70

1625. ALLUVIAL VALLEY FLOORS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1201 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 785

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would revise the requirements for determining whether mining is permitted on an alluvial valley floor (AVF). The revision should result in fewer instances where a taking occurs as a result of the prohibition against mining in an AVF. The provisions may substantially lessen compensation costs for the government.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/99	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

DOI—OSMRE

Proposed Rule Stage

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1626. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1201 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 816; 30 CFR 780; 30 CFR 773

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend regulations to ensure that coal mine operators reclaim their operations in a contemporaneous manner using site-based contemporaneous standards.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/99	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined
Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1029-AB79

1627. DAM SAFETY RULES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1201 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 816; 30 CFR 817

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule requires the surface coal mining permittee to have an emergency action plan (EAP) at the time a dam is placed in service. This would bring OSM's regulations on

EAPs into compliance with the Federal guidelines for dam safety and the Department Manual. It ensures that EAPs are in place for all Class "B" and Class "C" hazard structures that may not necessarily be regulated by the Mine Safety and Health Administration but for which OSM is responsible.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 1029-AB92

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Final Rule Stage

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE)

1628. REMOVAL OF 30 CFR 870.17

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1201 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 870.17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would remove the regulation at 30 CFR 870.17. The regulation governs the scope of audits

conducted in connection with OSM's abandoned mine land program. OSM will continue to conduct audits of operators of surface coal mines under the provisions of section 402(d)(2) of SMCRA and 30 CFR 870.16.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/10/97	62 FR 47617
Final Action	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1029-AB93

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Long-Term Actions

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE)

1629. DEFINITION AND CRITERIA FOR VALID EXISTING RIGHTS

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1201 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 740; 30 CFR 745; 30 CFR 761; 30 CFR 772

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend the portions of the permanent program which address the circumstances which constitute valid existing rights to mine coal in areas where Congress has

otherwise prohibited mining under section 522(e) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. This revision is in response to a court decision in round III of the litigation on OSM's permanent program regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/31/97	62 FR 4836
Comment Period Extended	05/30/97	62 FR 29368
Final Action	04/00/99	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 1029-AB42

DOI—OSMRE

Long-Term Actions

1630. PROHIBITIONS UNDER SECTION 522(E) OF SMCRA

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1201 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 761

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will clarify the applicability of section 522 (e) of SMCRA to subsidence resulting from underground coal mining. Section 522

(e) prohibits surface coal mining operations in certain areas designated by Congress, subject to existing rights.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/31/97	62 FR 4864
Comment Period Extended to 08/01/97	05/30/97	62 FR 29368
NPRM Comment Period End	06/02/97	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1029-AB82

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Completed Actions

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE)

1631. INFLATION ADJUSTMENT RULE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 723; 30 CFR 724; 30 CFR 845; 30 CFR 846

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/28/97	62 FR 63274

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 1029-AB90

1632. COAL MOISTURE

Priority: Other Significant.

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 870

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/29/97	62 FR 45920

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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BILLING CODE 4310-05-F

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Prerule Stage

Bureau of Reclamation (RB)

1633. RECOVERING THE VALUE OF RIGHTS OF USE AND RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 387; 31 USC 438a

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 429

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will include new requirements to comply with OMB Circular A-25, specify procedures for appealing decisions made by the Bureau, and make other changes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1006-AA39

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Proposed Rule Stage

Bureau of Reclamation (RB)

1634. ACREAGE LIMITATION RULES FOR TRUSTS

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Legal Authority: 43 USC 390aa to 390zz

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 428

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: During the recently completed Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (RRA) rulemaking, the Department

of the Interior received a number of comments regarding the compliance of certain large trusts with the acreage limitation provisions of the RRA. Comments expressed a variety of viewpoints, including the assertion that some trusts with landholdings (owned and leased land) in excess of 960 acres may circumvent the requirements of Federal reclamation law. The Department has received comments on

this issue from various parties and is now determining how best to proceed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/18/96	61 FR 66827
ANPRM Comment Period End	04/17/97	62 FR 7431
NPRM	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

DOI—RB

Proposed Rule Stage

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RIN: 1006-AA38

1635. CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT OF CALIFORNIA—PURPOSES, USES, AND ALLOCATION OF WATER SUPPLIES

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 5 USC 551; 5 USC 553

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 432; 50 CFR 1

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The rule will address water measurement, water conservation standards, water transfers, tiered pricing, renewal of long-term contracts, water banking and collection of payments into the restoration fund created by the Central Valley Project Improvement Act. This rule is being developed jointly by the Bureau of Reclamation and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	08/02/94	59 FR 39316

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM Comment Period End	02/01/95	59 FR 67265
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Federal

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RIN: 1006-AA34

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Final Rule Stage

Bureau of Reclamation (RB)

1636. REVENUES MANAGEMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 30 USC 191; 43 USC 375(e); 43 USC 391; 43 USC 392a; 16 USC 835; 30 USC 355; 30 USC 1019; 43 USC 374; 43 USC 375; 43 USC 394; 43 USC 521; 43 USC 501; 43 USC 562; 43 USC 525; 30 USC 603

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 403

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule specifies the appropriate crediting methods used for revenues generated by incidental use of Reclamation project lands and facilities in accordance with Federal law. It is being published so that water users have access to the legal requirements that the Bureau of Reclamation applies in the crediting of these revenues.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/12/94	59 FR 46801
NPRM Comment Period End	01/13/95	59 FR 58808
Final Action	09/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1006-AA30

1637. OFFSTREAM STORAGE OF COLORADO RIVER WATER AND INTERSTATE MARKETING OF STORAGE CREDITS IN THE LOWER DIVISION STATES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 617; 43 USC 391; 5 USC 553; 43 USC 1501

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 414

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed rule will allow entities that hold Colorado River water use entitlements in Arizona, California, or Nevada to: (1) enter into interstate storage agreements with each other; (2)

store Colorado River water off the mainstream of the Colorado River; (3) take delivery of the stored water in the future for beneficial consumptive use. The rule will facilitate more efficient use of the limited Colorado River water resource and increase the flexibility and certainty in Colorado River water management.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/31/97	62 FR 68491
NPRM Comment Period End	03/02/98	
Final Action	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1006-AA40

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Completed Actions

Bureau of Reclamation (RB)

DOI—RB

Completed Actions

1638. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 1988 OPERATING CRITERIA FOR THE NEWLANDS IRRIGATION PROJECT, NEVADA**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant.**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 418**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/18/97	62 FR 66441

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Robert Peoples,
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Phone: 703 358-1718**RIN:** 1006-AA37**1639. MANAGEMENT OF LAKE BERRYESSA****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 430**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn No further action will be taken on this rule.	02/02/98	

Small Entities Affected: Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Ed Cramer
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Proposed Rule Stage

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

1640. PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, AND BUDGETING**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1740**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 1600**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will update and streamline the resource planning regulations of BLM. It will amend them to reflect BLM's reorganized field management structure, and will expressly allow management framework plans to remain in effect if they meet the requirements of law.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Ted Milesnick, Realty Specialist, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
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duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC app 1; 43 USC 1739; 43 USC 1740**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 1784**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will remove most or all of the regulation because it duplicates advisory committee regulations elsewhere in the Code of Federal Regulations.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Christopher Fontecchio, Regulatory Analyst, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
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Email: cfontecc@wo.blm.gov**RIN:** 1004-AD26**1642. AUTHORITIES/MISSION STATEMENT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1740**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 1800**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will provide a mission statement for the BLM and consolidate in one part of 43 CFR a description of the statutory authorities underlying the program regulations of the BLM.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Frances Watson, Regulatory Analyst, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
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Email: fwatson@wo.blm.gov**RIN:** 1004-AD15**1643. APPEALS PROCEDURES; HEARINGS PROCEDURES****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Major:** Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1701; 43 USC 1740**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 1840; 43 CFR 1850**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** BLM proposes to amend its regulations that govern administrative review procedures for protests of proposed decisions, contests appeals of BLM decisions, and hearings on the record. The proposed regulations would provide more consistent procedures for administrative review of BLM**1641. ADVISORY COMMITTEES****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or

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Proposed Rule Stage

decisions, and would clarify when and how BLM decisions go into effect and whether an appeal will stay the effectiveness of a BLM decision.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/17/96	61 FR 54120
NPRM Comment Period End	01/17/97	61 FR 58160
Second NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1644. CONVEYANCES, DISCLAIMERS, AND CORRECTION DOCUMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 15; 43 USC 1161; 43 USC 1201; 43 USC 1745; 43 USC 1746

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 1860

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will update portions of the existing regulation and eliminate outdated provisions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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1645. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740; 31 USC 1601 et seq

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 1880

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will update the regulations on payments to State and local governments in lieu of taxes to reflect changes in law.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1004-AD23

1646. LAND WITHDRAWALS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1714; 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2091; 43 CFR 2310; 43 CFR 2370

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will revise the regulations on withdrawals and revocations of withdrawals to streamline operations and clarify the regulations. It will also amend the regulations to expedite the opening of formerly withdrawn lands to the operation of the public land laws.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1647. SEGREGATION AND OPENING OF LANDS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2091

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will simplify and modernize the existing regulations on segregation and opening public lands that are involved in various transactions such as sales or exchanges.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1004-AC84

1648. LAND CLASSIFICATION

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 43 USC 315; EO 6910; EO 6964; 43 USC 1411 to 1418; 43 USC 869

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2400

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will revise 43 CFR group 2400 and redesignate it as part 1620. Most of these regulations are no longer needed because they contain either statutory reiteration or internal procedures best suited to the BLM Manual. Land classification can be accomplished through the BLM planning process.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

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Proposed Rule Stage

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1649. DESERT LAND ENTRIES

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2520

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will transfer much of the regulation on entries of desert land to the BLM Manual if the underlying statute is not repealed as no longer practical.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1004-AC56

1650. COLOR OF TITLE AND OMITTED LANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2540

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: As part of its reinventing government effort, BLM proposes to rewrite the current color of title and omitted lands regulations in plain English. No substantive changes are proposed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1004-AD00

1651. RAILROAD GRANTS

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1201; 49 USC 65

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2630

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will remove these regulations in their entirety due to their limited usage.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1652. ALASKA NATIVE SELECTIONS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1601

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2650

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will revise the regulations to clarify portions and remove those portions pertaining to procedural matters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1004-AC72

1653. SALES—FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1701; 43 USC 1713

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2710

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend 43 CFR part 2710 to provide for improved administration of sales of public land under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1004-AB77

1654. USE; RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2800

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will move material from existing regulations to manuals, notices to applicants, etc. This action will ease update of cost recovery schedules.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1004-AC75

1655. RIGHTS-OF-WAY UNDER THE MINERAL LEASING ACT

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2880

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will move much of the existing regulations to manuals notices to applicants, etc. This action will ease update of cost recovery schedules. Materials will be combined with other rights-of-way guidance.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1004-AC74

1656. LEASES, PERMITS, AND EASEMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1732; 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2920

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend the existing regulations to provide for improved administration of Leases, Permits and Easements under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/21/90	55 FR 48810

NPRM Comment 01/22/91

Second NPRM 02/09/95 60 FR 7878

Second NPRM 04/10/95

Comment Period End

Final Rule for 06/24/96 61 FR 32351

Minimum Impact Land Use Permits Only

Final Rule Effective 07/24/96

Third NPRM 12/00/98

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1004-AB51

1657. COST RECOVERY; MINERAL FILINGS AND OPERATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 to 360; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 22; 5 USC app; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1734

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3100; 43 CFR 3200; 43 CFR 3400; 43 CFR 3500; 43 CFR 3600; 43 CFR 3700; 43 CFR 3800

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend regulations for user fees for locatable minerals, mineral materials, and leasable minerals (solids and fluids) to adjust current fees or establish new fees in accordance with title V of the Independent Offices Appropriations Act of 1952 (user charges), OMB Circular A-25 "User Charges" and section 304 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/99	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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1658. OIL AND GAS LEASING AND OPERATIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 181 et seq

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3100 to 3160

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will revise BLM's current Federal oil and gas leasing and operations regulations, except those concerning drainage (section 3100.2-2), combined hydrocarbon leasing (part 3140), and oil and gas leasing in the National Petroleum Reserve--Alaska (part 3130), to: (1) use performance standards in certain places instead of prescriptive requirements. Performance standards allow more flexibility for operators and protect the environment and Federal royalty interests; (2) cite industry standards and incorporate them by reference rather than repeating those standards in the rule itself; (3) incorporate the requirements of the Onshore Oil and Gas Orders and national notices to lessees into the regulations to eliminate their overlap with the current regulations; (4) revise and replace BLM's current unitization regulations with a more flexible unit agreement process; and (5) eliminate redundancies, clarify procedures and regulatory requirements and streamline procedures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Federal

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Proposed Rule Stage

1659. OIL AND GAS LEASING; NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE, ALASKA—TRANSFERS, EXTENSIONS, AND CONSOLIDATIONS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 6503; 43 USC 1740**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 3130; 43 CFR 3135**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will make clear whether lessees may enter into unit agreements involving lands in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Erick Kaarlela, Senior Specialist, Operations and Inspection, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
Phone: 202 452-0341**RIN:** 1004-AD13**1660. GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE UNIT AGREEMENT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1740; 30 USC 1001 et seq**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 3280**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will rewrite unit agreement regulations, reduce and streamline information and permitting requirements, provide BLM maximum flexibility in permitting decision making to accommodate the full range of unitization scenarios, and reorganize the regulations to make specific requirements easier to find and understand.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Christopher Fontecchio, Regulatory Analyst, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
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Email: cfontecc@wo.blm.gov**RIN:** 1004-AD10**1661. COAL MANAGEMENT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 189; 30 USC 359; 30 USC 1266; 43 USC 1733; 43 USC 1740**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 3400**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will clarify and streamline policy on coal exploration and post-lease operations. It will reorganize and revise portions of the Federal coal management program regulations, including exploration licenses, lease suspensions, lease administration diligence, and exploration and mining operations on leased Federal coal.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Bill Radden-LeSage, Mining Engineer, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
Phone: 202 452-0360**RIN:** 1004-AD11**1662. COAL MANAGEMENT: GENERAL (PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in

the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 181 et seq**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 3420**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will amend the Federal coal management regulations by listing all opportunities for public comment in the coal leasing process.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Philip Allard, Geologist, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC
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Email: pallard@wo.blm.gov**RIN:** 1004-AD27**1663. • MINERAL MATERIALS DISPOSAL****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Unfunded Mandates:** Undetermined**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 601 et seq**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 3600; 43 CFR 3610; 43 CFR 3620**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will revise completely the regulations on mineral materials disposal to make them easier to understand. It will add provisions on recordkeeping and audit inspection, inspection and production verification, cancellation and suspension, appeals, and clarification of the rights of competitive or noncompetitive purchasers against subsequent claims on and users of the public lands.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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1664. PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3622; 43 CFR 8365; 43 CFR 6600

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will consolidate into one part of the CFR various BLM regulatory provisions relating to paleontological resource management and rewrite them in plain English.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1004-AD03

1665. • LOCATION OF MINING CLAIMS; ASSESSMENT WORK; PUBLIC LAW 359 - MINING IN POWERSITE WITHDRAWALS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 22 to 54; 43 USC 1740; 43 USC 1201

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3730; 43 CFR 3740; 43 CFR 3810; 43 CFR 3820

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend the mining claim recordation and annual fee collection procedures to conform to the Fiscal Year 1999 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. It will also consolidate duplicative portions of 43 CFR part 3700 et seq. into 43 CFR part 3800 et seq., and remove the duplicative portions of these regulations from title 43.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: The \$100 annual maintenance fee and related provisions expire on 9/30/98. The fee and related provisions will likely be made permanent in the FY 1999 budget legislation. The existing regulations will have to be amended to conform to the legislation. BLM will take the opportunity to do long-delayed but necessary housekeeping of these parts of title 43 to consolidate duplicative sections.

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RIN: 1004-AD31

1666. • MINERAL PATENT APPLICATIONS; ADVERSE CLAIMS, PROTESTS, AND CONFLICTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 22 to 54; 43 USC 1201; 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3730; 43 CFR 3740; 43 CFR 3860; 43 CFR 3870; 43 CFR 3820

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will revise the filing and administrative procedures for mineral patent applications. It will also revise the procedures for filing adverse

claims or protests against mineral patent applications and for mineral-in-character challenges to non-mineral land entries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Additional Information: This rulemaking was ordered by the Secretary of the Interior on November 14, 1997. Much of the language of these regulations has remained unchanged since 1939 and needs modernization.

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RIN: 1004-AD32

1667. SURFACE MANAGEMENT (LOCATABLE MINERALS)

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 18 USC 1001; 30 USC 22; 30 USC 42; 30 USC 612; 43 USC 1061 et seq; 18 USC 3571 et seq

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3809

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed rule would: (1) redefine "unnecessary and undue degradation" to require the use of the "best available technology and practices" or other technology-based standards during the mining of locatable minerals and during the reclamation of mined lands, (2) incorporate performance standards for locatable mineral exploration and development, and (3) treat mining operations involving disturbance to 5 acres or less in a more stringent fashion.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Federal

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Proposed Rule Stage

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1668. DISPOSAL OF RESERVED MINERALS UNDER THE STOCK RAISING HOMESTEAD ACT**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 299**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 3814**Legal Deadline:**

Final, Statutory, October 13, 1993.

Abstract: This rule will establish new procedures for mineral exploration and development under the General Mining Law of 1872 on lands where the surface was patented under the Stock Raising Homestead Act of 1916 and the mineral estate remains reserved to the Federal Government.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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RIN: 1004-AC59

1669. USE AUTHORIZATIONS (RECREATION)**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740; 16 USC 4601-6a**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 8370**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule will revise the regulations on the issuance of special recreation permits for purposes of clarification and updating and will add regulations on the issuance of recreation use permits for the use of fee areas.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1004-AD25

1670. • EMERGENCY FIRE AND DISASTER REHABILITATION**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 315a et seq; 43 USC 1740**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 9240**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule will make emergency rehabilitation project decisions effective upon issuance to minimize unnecessary delay in repairing damage caused by fire and other natural disasters, and avoiding erosion and other adverse impacts on public lands resulting from natural disasters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Final Rule Stage

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

1671. DEFINITIONS**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1201; 43 USC 1740**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 1300**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule will relocate definitions from various sections of BLM's portion of 43 CFR into a central section for general definitions. The new location will be in 43 CFR 1800. Several definitions that had been formerly repeated in various sections

will appear as one consolidated definition.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/19/96	61 FR 58843
NPRM Comment Period End	01/21/97	
Final Action	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1004-AC73

1672. APPLICATION PROCEDURES**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 251; 43 USC 263; 43 USC 689; 43 USC 690; 43 USC 1201; 43 USC 1374; 43 USC 1740**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 1820**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule will revise the existing regulation to consolidate certain business practice rules and update to recognize modern technology.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/01/97	62 FR 51402
NPRM Comment Period End	12/01/97	
Final Action	09/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1004-AC83**1673. NATIONAL FOREST EXCHANGES****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 2202**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule will delete 43 CFR subpart 2202 because it duplicates material contained in BLM's general exchange regulations and the Forest Service's land exchange regulations at 36 CFR 254. BLM also will extend the provisions of its general exchange regulations to National Forest System lands.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/11/96	61 FR 47855
NPRM Comment Period End	10/11/96	
Final Action	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1004-AC97**1674. STATE EXCHANGES; NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM EXCHANGES; WILDLIFE REFUGE EXCHANGES; MISCELLANEOUS EXCHANGES****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 2210; 43 CFR 2240; 43 CFR 2250; 43 CFR 2270**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule will remove these subparts, which are merely cross-references to the basic exchange regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/06/96	61 FR 64658
NPRM Comment Period End	01/06/97	
Final Action	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1004-AC58**1675. INDIAN ALLOTMENTS****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Major:** Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1201; 25 USC 334; 25 USC 336**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 2530**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule will convert existing regulations to plain English and remove those portions that relate to procedural matters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/16/96	61 FR 53887
NPRM Comment Period End	11/15/96	
Final Action	07/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1004-AC77**1676. CAREY ACT GRANTS****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Major:** Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 641 et seq**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 2610**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule will remove these regulations as they are inconsistent with present day management policies. Application of these provisions of the Carey Act would not be feasible due to limited water and suitable lands.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/10/96	61 FR 47725
NPRM Comment Period End	10/10/96	
Final Action	12/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1004-AC80**1677. SPECIAL AREAS; STATE IRRIGATION DISTRICTS****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Major:** Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1740**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 2780**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule will remove the establishment and operation of State irrigation districts from the regulations and relocate necessary provisions in the BLM Manual.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/13/96	61 FR 48454
Final Action	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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1678. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF MINERALS RESOURCES INFORMATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3000

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will remove conflicts between existing mineral regulations relating to public availability of mineral resources information and the Freedom of Information Act. The rule will also remove discrepancies among the various mineral regulations regarding public release of information.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/31/91	56 FR 24767
NPRM Comment Period End	07/31/91	
Final Action	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1679. COALBED METHANE DEVELOPMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 42 USC 13368

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3170

Legal Deadline:

Final, Statutory, October 24, 1995.

Abstract: The rule will implement section 1339 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. It will prevent conflicts in ownership of coalbed methane from impeding development of that resource by requiring pooling of development and payment of the proceeds into an escrow account until the ownership issue is resolved by a State entity of competent jurisdiction. The rule will also allow States to avoid the Federal regulations by promulgating their own regulations that substantially comply with Federal requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/15/95	60 FR 47920
NPRM Comment Period End	11/14/95	
Final Action	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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1680. GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES LEASING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3200

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will reduce and streamline permitting and informational requirements, provide BLM maximum decisionmaking flexibility on permit applications and processing, accommodate the full range of potential geothermal operations and development scenarios, and provide industry with greater flexibility in submitting applications. It will also provide more specific permit application information to allow more consistent interpretation of requirements by BLM and industry.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/08/96	61 FR 52736
NPRM Comment Period End	01/06/97	
Final Action	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1681. MANAGEMENT OF SOLID MINERALS OTHER THAN COAL

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3500

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will remove repetitive introductory material and combine the common provisions of the series of regulations of leasing of specific non-coal minerals.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/18/96	61 FR 54384
NPRM Comment Period End	03/07/97	62 FR 5373
Final Action	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1682. MINERAL MATERIALS DISPOSAL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing

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Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 601 et seq

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3600; 43 CFR 3610; 43 CFR 3620

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend current regulations to simplify and make bonding requirements easier to follow. It also adds a provision under which certificates of deposit could be used as a bond. In addition, some editorial changes will be made to make the rules easier to understand.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/02/96	61 FR 40373
NPRM Comment Period End	09/03/96	
Final Action	08/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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1683. HELIUM CONTRACTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3750; 30 CFR 602

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will require Federal agencies with major requirements for helium to purchase from authorized Federal helium suppliers and in turn require those suppliers to purchase a like amount of crude helium from the helium reserve, and set up reporting requirements for the agencies and suppliers.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1004-AD24

1684. GRAZING ADMINISTRATION; ALASKA; LIVESTOCK

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 315; 43 USC 315(a) to 315(r); 43 USC 1181(d); 43 USC 1701

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 4200

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will remove obsolete regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/20/98	63 FR 13608
NPRM Comment Period End	05/19/98	
Final Action	11/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1004-AC70

1685. GRAZING ADMINISTRATION; ALASKA; REINDEER

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 4300

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will convert the current regulations into plain English. No change will be made in the legal or policy content of the regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/01/96	61 FR 56497
NPRM Comment Period End	12/02/96	
Final Action	09/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1004-AD06

1686. • WILD HORSE AND BURRO ADOPTIONS; POWER OF ATTORNEY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1331 to 1340; 18 USC 47; 43 USC 315; 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 4700

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will disallow the use of a power of attorney for the adoption of wild horses and burros.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/10/97	62 FR 60467
NPRM Comment Period End	01/09/98	
Final Action	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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1687. SUSTAINED YIELD FOREST UNITS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1181e; 43 USC 1740

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CFR Citation: 43 CFR 5040**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will amend part 5040 by removing obsolete sections and rewriting the remaining sections in plain English.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/15/96	61 FR 58501
NPRM Comment Period End	01/14/97	
Final Action	10/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Lyndon Werner, Forester, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

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RIN: 1004-AC93**1688. MANAGEMENT OF DESIGNATED WILDERNESS AREA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1701 et seq; 16 USC 1131 et seq**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 8560; 43 CFR 6300**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will amend the existing regulations to remove obsolete provisions, clarify and simplify the regulations, and add provisions on access to inholdings, rights-of-way, use of mechanized equipment by certain

individuals, access by Native Americans.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/19/96	61 FR 66968
NPRM Comment Period End	02/18/97	
Final Action	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jeff Jarvis, Wilderness Specialist, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
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1689. OIL AND GAS LEASING; DRAINAGE**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1740**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 3100**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will specify who has the responsibility for drainage

protection, what it constitutes, and when it begins.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/13/98	63 FR 1936
NPRM Comment Period End	03/16/98	
Next Action	Undetermined	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Donnie Shaw, Fluid Minerals Group, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
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1690. ASSIGNMENTS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 1800**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	03/01/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Carole Smith
Phone: 202 452-0367**RIN:** 1004-AD17**1691. QUALIFICATIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 1800**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	03/01/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Carole Smith
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Withdrawn	03/01/98	

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1693. PATENT PREPARATION AND ISSUANCE**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 1862**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/05/97	62 FR 59820

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Frances Watson

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RIN: 1004-AC88**1694. GIFTS; ACQUISITION OF LANDS OR INTEREST IN LANDS BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 2110; 43 CFR 2130; 43 CFR 2090**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/06/97	62 FR 52034

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Frank Bruno

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RIN: 1004-AC98**1695. STATE GRANTS****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 2620**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	03/27/98	63 FR 14874

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RIN: 1004-AC71**1696. RECLAMATION/TOWNSITES****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 2764; 43 CFR 2765**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/21/97	62 FR 62266
Final Action Effective	12/22/97	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jeff O. Holdren

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RIN: 1004-AC91**1697. LOGICAL MINING UNITS: GENERAL; LMU APPLICATION PROCEDURES; LMU APPROVAL CRITERIA; LMU DILIGENCE; ADMINISTRATION OF LMU OPERATIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 3480**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/20/97	62 FR 44354

Small Entities Affected: Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Bill Radden-LeSage
Phone: 202 452-0360**RIN:** 1004-AD12**1698. MINING CLAIMS UNDER THE GENERAL MINING LAWS****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 3744; 43 CFR 3745; 43 CFR 3811; 43 CFR 3824; 43 CFR 3825**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/12/97	62 FR 65376

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Christopher Fontecchio

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RIN: 1004-AD05**1699. WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 6400**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	03/01/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Gary Marsh
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)
Office of the Secretary (OS)**Proposed Rule Stage****1700. • WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1278**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 39**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule would establish uniform standards and procedures by

which the Department of the Interior, through its agencies that administer rivers in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service), will consider Federal licensing of, or assistance to, water resources projects affecting designated Wild and Scenic Rivers or Congressionally authorized Study Rivers.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** John Haubert, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Department of the Interior, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW., Room 3230, Washington, DC 20240
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Office of the Secretary (OS)**Completed Actions****1701. TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITY SYSTEMS IN AND ACROSS, AND ACCESS INTO, CONSERVATION SYSTEM UNITS IN ALASKA****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 36**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/08/97	62 FR 52509

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Russell Wilson

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